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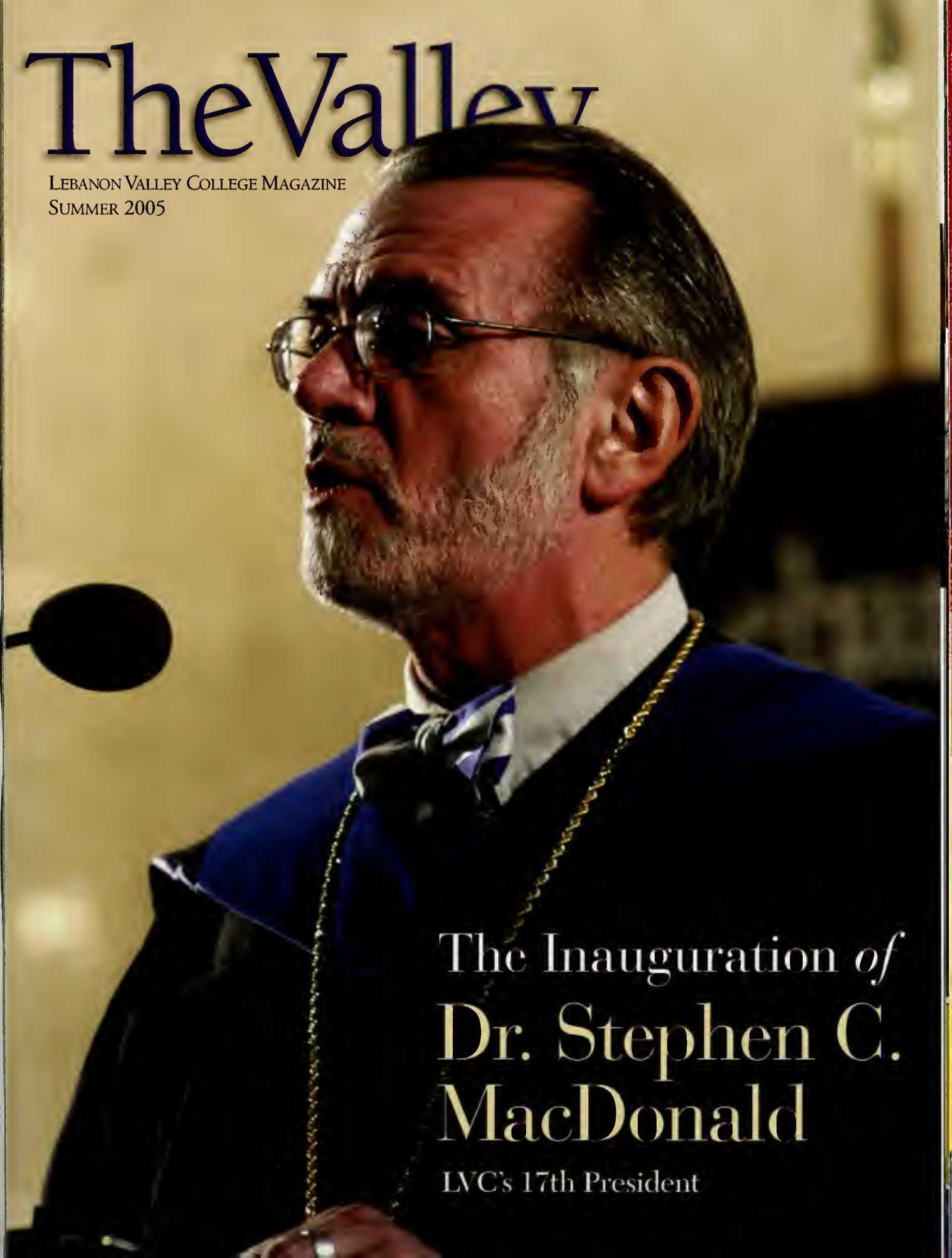

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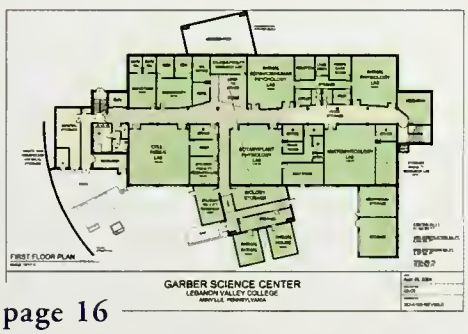

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Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald became LVC's 17th president on October 8, 2004. Dr. MacDonald is pictured on the cover delivering his inaugural address on April 29, 2005.

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Dr. Stephen C.

Interview by Dr. Tom Hanrahan, editor

"Since childhood, I had wanted to become a history professor or a teacher."

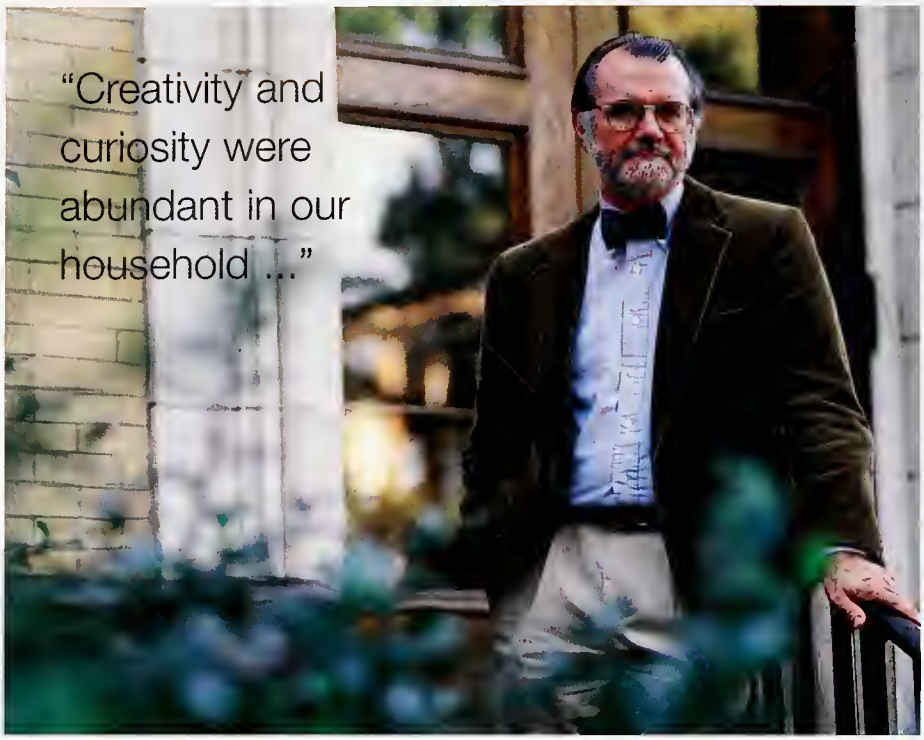
TH: Like many college presidents, you have traveled a very interesting road since your birth in Malden, Mass., outside of Boston. Did you ever dream that you would one day become a college president?

SM: I never dreamed of being a college president. After graduating from high school in Lexington in 1962, I enrolled at Boston College and lasted only five weeks. I was only 17 and I wasn't mature enough for college. I joined the Army—clearly not a typical path to academic administration.

MacDonald

LVC's 17th President

Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald, LVC's 17th president, and his wife of 30 years, Mary Mercer, recently sat for a Valley interview at Kreidersum.



TH: This was at the beginning of the Vietnam War. Where were you assigned?

SM: I spent three years in the Army, including a year in Vietnam [1963–64], before being assigned to Okinawa [1964–65]. Entering the Army was one of the best things that I ever did; it gave me a chance to mature and grow up emotionally.

I returned to the States in the fall of 1965 and enrolled at Tufts University, close to home. I was only 20 years old then and didn't feel that I had lost much time at all. I was always interested in history and in the German language, so a history major made sense.

TH: How did someone of Scots-Irish descent from Massachusetts develop an interest in German history and language?

SM: I have been interested in history since I was about 7 or 8 years old and watched the television show *Victory at Sea*. It was a fascinating documentary about World War II. It was so interesting that history, particularly European history, became a personal focus of mine. The European war attracted me, and I wanted to figure out who the Germans were. They looked so evil and villainous photographically that I began studying the language and culture intimately.

Learning the language was an obvious necessity, and when I graduated from Tufts in 1969, I studied at the University of Munich for a year. I took numerous courses in language, literature, and history to strengthen my German language skills and returned to the States to attend graduate school at the University of Virginia [UVA] in the fall of 1970.

TH: Why did you choose to attend Tufts and UVA?

SM: Tufts, aside from having an excellent academic reputation, was close enough that I could live at home. Having lived in Army barracks for three years, I was no longer interested in dorm life. UVA offered a strong program with excellent scholars in the field of European history. For graduate school, the culture and academic ideals drew me away from New England, and it was time for a change.

TH: Did this love of learning develop from a family tradition of higher education?

SM: My older sister, **Ann**, was the first of my immediate family to complete college, and my three other sisters, **Brenda**, **Mary**, and **Patty**, went to college or nursing school. My mother, **Peg MacDonald**, attended a two-year art school and was a draftsman for the U.S. Air Force for 25 years. Creativity and curiosity were abundant in our household and the pursuit of knowledge was always supported and encouraged. Two of my sisters are teachers.

TH: When did you realize that you wanted to attend graduate school?

SM: Since childhood, I had wanted to become a history professor or a teacher. As time went on, my desire to be a college teacher deepened and I realized the necessity of obtaining a doctorate in order to achieve this dream.

After finishing my Ph.D. at Virginia, I taught at Lynchburg College [in Virginia] before moving into a tenure-track position at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. I had come full circle, returning to New England.

TH: I understand that you also performed some administrative duties while at the University of Maine. What caused this transition?

SM: It was the proverbial case of doing something well—administrative tasks—and being "rewarded" with additional administrative tasks. The fact that I gradually moved from the classroom to the president's office was not the result of some preordained, or preconceived, career trajectory.

I didn't plot it out, but as I took on administrative tasks and seemed to be able to do them, people began to give me more of them. So far, I've continued to do them well, and found that I receive a great sense of accomplishment from this.

I found it fulfilling as I moved from the University of Maine to my 15 years at Dickinson College.

TH: What drew you away from New England to your first position at Dickinson?

SM: I went to Dickinson as director of the Central Pennsylvania Consortium [CPC], which allowed me to oversee a collaborative educational effort among three national, liberal arts colleges—Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall, and Gettysburg.

After five years of this rewarding and successful work, I accepted an appointment as an associate dean on the academic side at Dickinson, which also allowed me the opportunity to teach part time as an associate professor of history.

As associate dean, I was able to combine my administrative duties, overseeing a variety of programs, and teach for the next decade. I liked the program very much and found the teaching tremendously rewarding.

TH: What programs are you most proud of from your time at both the CPC and Dickinson?

SM: At the CPC, I am most proud of my work in the development of women's studies programs. When I arrived, there were no women's studies programs at any of those schools, and I was able to serve as a catalyst to bring together the three faculties.

Although they were also new to me, I believe that I was a good spokesman for the purposes of these programs. We were able to create some critical masses in groups of interest that in the end resulted in the creation of women's studies programs at all three schools. I saw the CPC as the curricular laboratory that provided a safe place outside the walls of the colleges where faculty were able to test ideas and speak candidly to each other about what a women's studies program might look like at a liberal arts college.

As Dickinson's associate dean, my greatest pleasure was in helping to enhance the

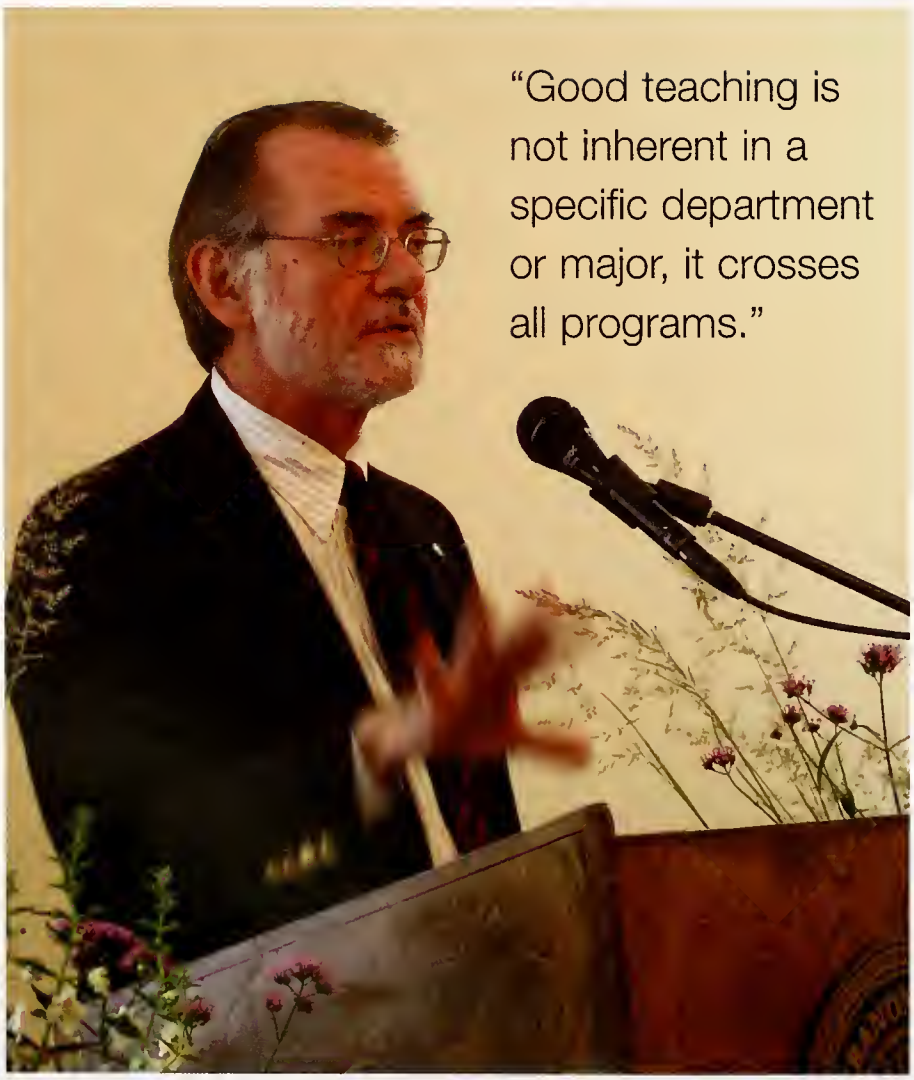
freshman seminar program at the college. I think I strengthened it by being able to draw more and more faculty into it and by being able to talk persuasively about its purposes.

The satisfaction with the program at Dickinson was so great that I helped begin a similar program, known as the First-Year Seminar, (for more information on the offerings, visit www.lvc.edu) when I became dean at LVC. I find an excitement among teachers in the program that reinvigorates them; it addresses some of the most fundamental purposes of liberal education. I will take some modest credit for it, although, in the end, the LVC faculty are really doing it; they have taken the program on as their own.

TH: After 15 years at Dickinson and the CPC, what drew you to the opening for a vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Lebanon Valley College?

SM: I had heard very favorable things about LVC and was impressed by what I saw when I visited the campus. The faculty, students, staff, and other vice presidents whom I met during the interview process were all extremely friendly and inspiring. **David Pollick** was president at the time and impressed me with his ambitions for the school.

Six years after I arrived at LVC, David left in the spring of 2004 to take an academic position at another school. The Board of Trustees asked me to serve as acting president. By the summer of that year, after discussing the possibility thoroughly with Mary [Mary Warner, his wife of 30 years, is profiled on page 10–11], I concluded that I was really interested in remaining president and expressed that interest to the Board of Trustees. The Board conducted an evaluation process that included alumni, students, faculty members, and others, and asked me to become the College's 17th president in October 2004.



TH: Tell us about some of the challenges you faced as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at LVC.

SM: Though there were many, as can be expected in any American institution of higher learning, four in particular stand out in my memory: physical therapy candidacy and accreditation, student advising, faculty evaluations, and curriculum standardization and evaluation.

First, bringing the new physical therapy program to candidacy and moving it toward accreditation [scheduled for spring 2006] has been a difficult and challenging task for the College. The candidacy process was my first professional experience with the program, so I have come to understand the importance it occupies both academically and as an admissions tool. It forced me to become well informed about the field and led to the development of skills that enable me to serve as an outside evaluator to other physical therapy programs in the United States. I was able to help our physical therapy faculty put together the documentation and reports to garner candidacy, which will ultimately prepare us to achieve accreditation. We have established a strong and credible program.

Second, improving methods of student advising was at the forefront of my goals as dean at LVC. Working closely with the faculty, we have been able to improve this crucial retention process by standardizing the system so that new

Dr. D. Clark Carmean H'85

students encounter a regularized program, one that is much stronger than it was when I first arrived. Our students now have a much clearer structure to follow that helps them to succeed and to achieve their educational goals.

Third, my work in faculty evaluations parallels this standardization in some ways. I was able to introduce a level of professionalism in the area of faculty evaluations that did not exist in 1998. By working across disciplines and departmental lines, I was able to clarify expectations for how evaluations should be conducted. Regular classroom visits by the dean have also helped to strengthen the evaluation process.

Finally, creating a standard course evaluation instrument that spans all programs has been a source of satisfaction during my six-year term as dean at LVC. Prior to 1998, each department had individual course evaluation instruments. It was a problem that was solved during my first year. All courses are now evaluated according to a common questionnaire. Good teaching is not inherent in a specific department or major, it crosses all programs.

TH: What aspects of the interim presidency led to your interest in the possibility of assuming the role on a permanent basis?

SM: After six years in the office, I needed to really take a measure of myself as dean. While serving as acting president, I wasn't sure if I would relish stepping relatively far away from exclusive concentration on the academic side.

However, after visiting several prospective donors in the president's fund-raising capacity, I found that work to be engaging and fulfilling. My visits were successful, which led me to conclude that I could tell the story of the College effectively. Another major decision point occurred during Alumni Weekend in 2004. Mary and I met so many alumni and friends who reminisced with us and shared their fondest memories; they spoke about events and people that affect their lives to this day. That was overwhelming in the most positive sense.

I realized that I understood the College well and was able to speak about LVC with credibility and without hyperbole. The story of the College is an interesting one; it doesn't need exaggeration or garnish. It was something that I had already come to understand—that LVC is a special place.

TH: In your opinion, what are your major strengths as a leader?

SM: I listen well and I am genuinely interested in the ideas of others. I have confidence in my personal capacity to synthesize ideas without being arrogant about the conclusions reached. I have the ability to give voice to people's aspirations by using my position effectively to express what people believe and support. I am able to do this in a way that people find credible and moving. Finally, I have a strong work ethic.

TH: Now, after sitting in the president's chair for one year, what are your impressions of the College?

SM: LVC has developed a clear sense of purpose as a strong, regional liberal arts college. It has been fortunate to have had two strong leaders with great vision guiding the institution since 1988, and I'm sure before that time as well.

Working with **John Synodinos**, who stayed on after his presidency to serve as a College trustee, and with David Pollick, I was able to help articulate the College's strategic planning goals. We know that we want to be a College with about 1,600 to 1,800 students and remain primarily a residential institution. We also want to retain the strong student-faculty relationships that are so much a part of our heritage.

While campus aesthetics and construction are crucial elements in the marketing process, we are above all a teaching institution with faculty who strive to be scholars in their respective fields. We want to continue to serve the mission that we have cherished in the past, which is to educate people for useful and productive careers.

TH: Following two presidents who were interested in enrollment growth should be both challenging and enjoyable. Do you think that this is a good time to take over the reins?

SM: Yes, I am stepping into the presidency at a moment when the College's sense of identity is coming together clearly. I feel that this was one of the strengths of my candidacy for becoming president. My predecessors have laid strong foundations and one of my strengths will be the ability to bring continuity to the institution.

It is not a time for dramatic departures from where we are going or from who we are. We are not suffering any anxiety about these things; rather, we want to bring conclusion to the work that we have been doing very successfully over the terms of the last two presidencies. But, we will by no means remain content and complacent. We will move forward and challenge ourselves so that we continue to be an outstanding institution.

It is also a time for us to expand on their efforts. New initiatives will occur as we enrich the curriculum and develop new programs—academic, social, and cultural. There is also much work to be done in order to bring the Great Expectations Campaign to a successful conclusion. We need to determine where we are going next, to ask, "What is the next mosaic of needs that ought to be addressed?"

So, in one sense—steady the course. On the other hand—full speed ahead. This is not a moment to relax; there is much to be done.

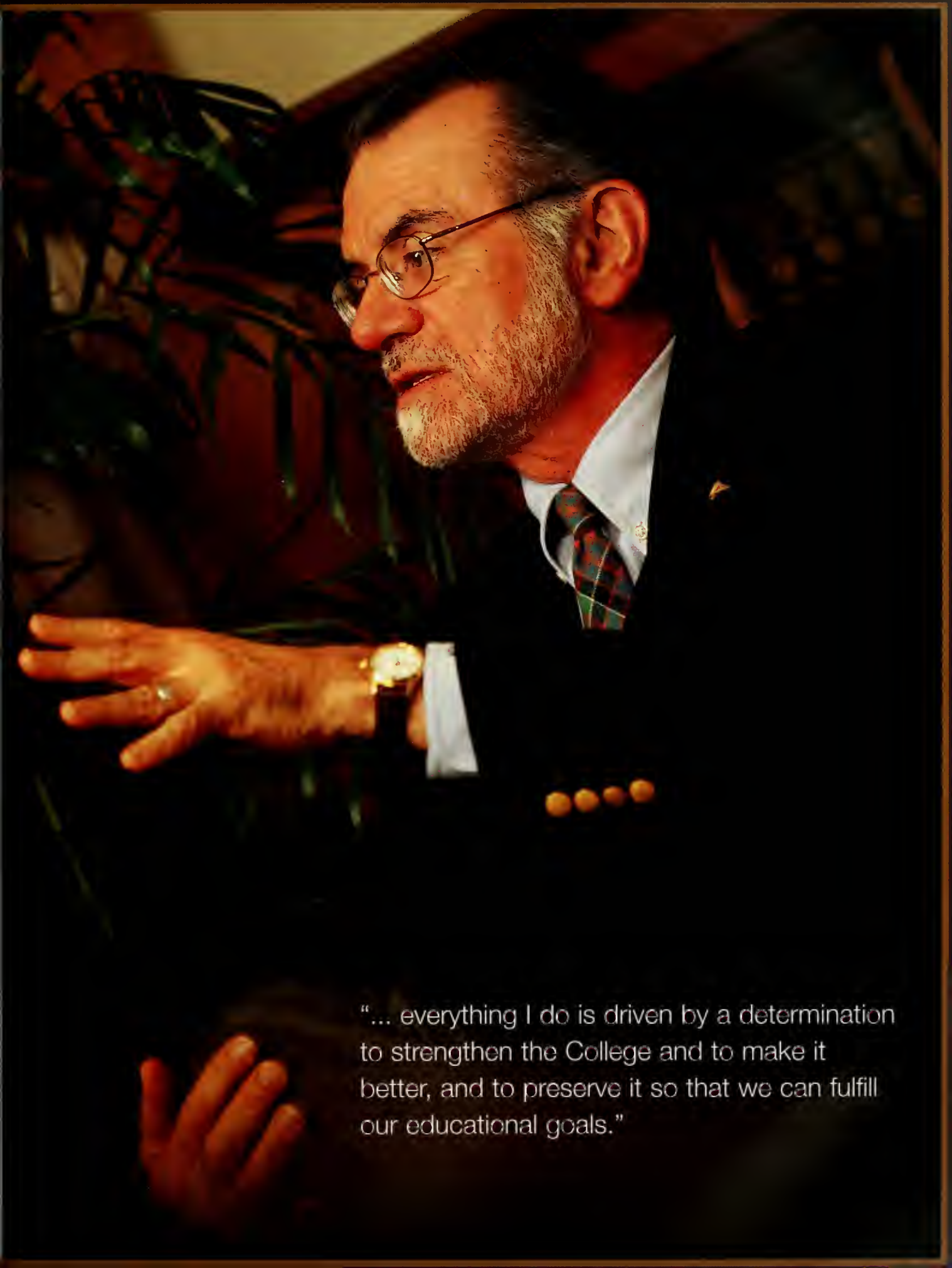
TH: You mentioned the Great Expectations Campaign; will your experience on the academic side of the development of the Heilman Center and Lynch Memorial Hall be an asset as the College prepares to renovate the Neidig-Garber Science Center?

SM: Most certainly. Before Heilman and Lynch, I was involved with two major construction projects at Dickinson, serving as a co-chair for both the college's new library and its science center. It was a good training ground for working with architects, faculty, and builders.

I found myself similarly involved with the just-completed revitalization of Lynch Memorial Hall and with the extensive planning that has been undertaken for Neidig-Garber. I take pleasure in that and am comfortable working with architects and talking about materials and design. I like the problems that architects deal with, and I'm able to talk as an intelligent layman about those things.

TH: What is the status of the Neidig-Garber Science Center revitalization?

SM: We began working with the faculty on the plans in 2000 and have worked with them through a number of iterations. The original project has been transformed with fresh ideas and the groundbreaking is expected in May 2006. It has been



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carefully thought out with student-faculty relationships, teaching, and research in mind at all times. [*Editor's Note: Please see page 16 for a story on the Neidig-Garber project.*]

Regardless, the undertaking will be a huge challenge because of its complexity. Science centers are always the most difficult buildings to construct. Their infrastructures require the solution of unique problems such as dealing with air handling, waste removal, water movement, gas, electricity, and chemical storage and disposal.

This, in turn, leads to greater costs than necessitated by a non-science academic building. It makes elements of design all the more critical; that would be true under any circumstances. Because we are dividing Neidig-Garber so that half the building will still be used while construction occurs on the other half, the task becomes even more difficult. There is a financial advantage to this scenario derived from not having to destroy the whole building and being able to retain some equipment. Conversely, this same advantage turns into a negative in terms of not being able to start from scratch.

TH: Aside from completing Neidig-Garber and the Great Expectations Campaign, what are your plans for LVC?

SM: Working with the Board of Trustees, the College's general officers, and the entire campus community, we have developed a strategic plan that maps out, in considerable and realistic detail, what the College is going to be working on from now until the year 2010.

This strategic plan stemmed from the work of an outside evaluator who came to campus in spring 2004, when the board, knowing that David Pollick was leaving the College, thought it an appropriate time to take a snapshot of the school and see where we were and where we expected to be going.

I have drawn on these conversations in putting together a strategic plan that has been tested with the faculty, administrators, and members of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees adopted the plan at its May 2005 meeting.

Though it has many parts that affect all areas of the institution, a critical element lies in the necessity to conduct a comprehensive outcome assessment at the College. We need to do this for the good of the academic program. It is going to be one of the major tasks of the academic side. [*Editor's Note: The complete strategic plan may be viewed at: www.lvc.edu/alumni*]

TH: How do you see the strategic plan affecting the faculty and students?

SM: Part of the plan includes developing ways to determine what knowledge and skills our students actually derive from their studies here. I am asking all faculty to

Meet Mary Warner

Mary Warner, wife of LVC president Stephen C. MacDonald, knows a good story when she reads one—or writes one. She is an award-winning journalist with three decades' experience in her field.

Warner began her career in 1973, as a reporter for the Associated Press in Richmond, Va., and served for two years as AP's traveling Virginia correspondent. In that role, she covered a lengthy coal miners' strike, the emerging empires of evangelists Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, a couple of lurid court cases, even football games.

In 1978, when MacDonald joined the faculty of the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the couple moved north and Warner went to work for the Aroostook County bureau of the *Bangor Daily News*. She became an expert on potatoes, basis of the economy there. Priests blessed the harvesting machines in the fall, she recalls, and children were out of school for a month to help bring in the crop.

Since 1983, she has worked for *The Patriot-News* in Harrisburg, where she has won several awards—including two first-place feature beat reporting awards—in competition with reporters from the state's largest papers. Her beats have included county courts, business, workplace issues, and now religion.

She covered the 1986 murder trial of Jay C. Smith—a case that became the basis for the book *Echoes in the Darkness* by Joseph Wambaugh and a TV miniseries. The paper sent her to Mexico in 1993, to explore factories run by Hershey Foods and AMP Inc., and to Rome in 2000 to cover the canonization of Katharine Drexel, whose work among black and Indian children included a school in Carlisle.

Warner has met some famous people in her career: Jimmy Carter, Jerry Ford, and Nelson Rockefeller, for example. "The stories I've found most memorable, though, involve people with names you'd never recognize but who have fascinating things to say," she said. "I think about the cloistered nuns I visited in

question their current and former students about what they need to know and what they will be required to do when they graduate. Once we have articulated these things, we will be able to work back and examine our curriculum and pedagogy. This will provide us with a firm analytical point of departure to better understand our academic program and to identify and address any shortcomings.

TH: What are your plans for the alumni program?

SM: Judging by the overwhelmingly positive responses from those who return for Oktoberfest Weekend, Alumni Weekend, and other events held on campus for our graduates throughout the year, there are already terrific plans in place. I don't feel that new programs are needed, but I will be very active in meeting friends of the College and making new friends for the College.

Seven "meet the president" events were held in the mid-Atlantic region this past year and attendance was impressive. I enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting many new ones. I was able to hear feedback, both positive and negative, that will be helpful as I move forward with plans for the College.

It is enjoyable to talk about what we are doing at the College and to reassure people that the College is in good hands. I continue to be impressed by the love and respect our graduates and friends have for LVC. It is a special connection that will continue during my tenure. There is a sense of genuine ownership that will be maintained and nourished. I want our alumni to know that I have the best interests of the Valley at heart; that everything I do is driven by a determination to strengthen the College and to make it better, and to preserve it so that we can fulfill our educational goals.

TH: This is a small liberal arts college. Is the financial stability of LVC a concern?

SM: We need, over time, to make sure that we have the financial resources to continue what we are already doing well, and to continue to improve and add to these strengths. We can only secure these resources by keeping faith with our alumni, friends, and students. We are not an institution of great financial wealth and therefore we have to be responsible in terms of what we ask prospective and current students to contribute in terms of tuition and fees.

Our real challenge is to find ways to accomplish a great deal with relatively modest assets. That is easily said, yet the actual task requires an enormous amount of attention to detail, creativity, and resourcefulness. I am excited about the challenge of reaching the goal I've set for LVC: to become the best regional liberal arts and pre-professional college in Pennsylvania.

Dr. MacDonald's inauguration address can be read at http://www.lvc.edu/president/inauguration/address.aspx. It will also be reprinted in the fall issue of The Valley.

Lancaster, or the Muslim women who talked to me about gender roles in Islam, or the Mormon missionaries I just interviewed."

Warner said she values the entrée her work affords her, to places and people she'd never otherwise encounter. "I also really revel in the hard work of writing, making a complex story readable and real," she said. "And I like the edgy, boisterous culture of a newsroom."

Warner said she relishes her new role at the Valley. "It's a place I've come to know and love in the past seven years," she said.

It reminds her of her own happy experience as a student, at "another small liberal arts college with a pretty campus in a pretty little town," she said. Her bachelor's degree in English is from Hanover College in Indiana.

Warner also has a master's degree in English from the University of Virginia, where she and MacDonald met. They were married in the chapel on the UVA grounds in 1974.

Warner enjoys movies and music and is an avid reader. On her nightstand now are Robert Dallek's biography of Lyndon Johnson and Dennis Covington's *Salvation on Sand Mountain*, about snake-handling in the southern Appalachians. She is a native of the Virginia mountains.

Warner and MacDonald have a son, John, who graduated from Oberlin College in 2003. He works as development coordinator for the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program; plays guitar for the rock band, Thinking Machines; and writes music reviews for prefixmag.com.

Inauguration Weekend

The College hosted several historic events on April 29 and 30, 2005. Celebratory photographs from the Inauguration of Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald, the Dedication of the Kiyofumi Sakaguchi Math Library, and the rededication of Lynch Memorial Hall are featured on these four pages. Additional photographs of all three events can be found on the Lebanon Valley College web site (www.lvc.edu).

Tetsu Sakaguchi, Kiyofumi's son, delivered words of remembrance during the dedication ceremony.

LVC honored the late Kiyofumi Sakaguchi '67 on Friday, April 29, 2005. Many members of his family as well as former professors and business colleagues attended the dedication. (L to r.) Tetsu Sakaguchi and Yoshio Sakaguchi, Kiyofumi's son and father respectively, were joined by Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald, LVC president, and Arthur Ryan, chair and chief executive officer of Prudential Financial, Inc., for the unveiling of a memorial plaque that will be installed in the Kiyofumi Sakaguchi Math Library in Lynch Memorial Hall.

LVC faculty, trustees, and friends assisted President MacDonald with the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon to kick off the rededication ceremony for Lynch Memorial Hall.

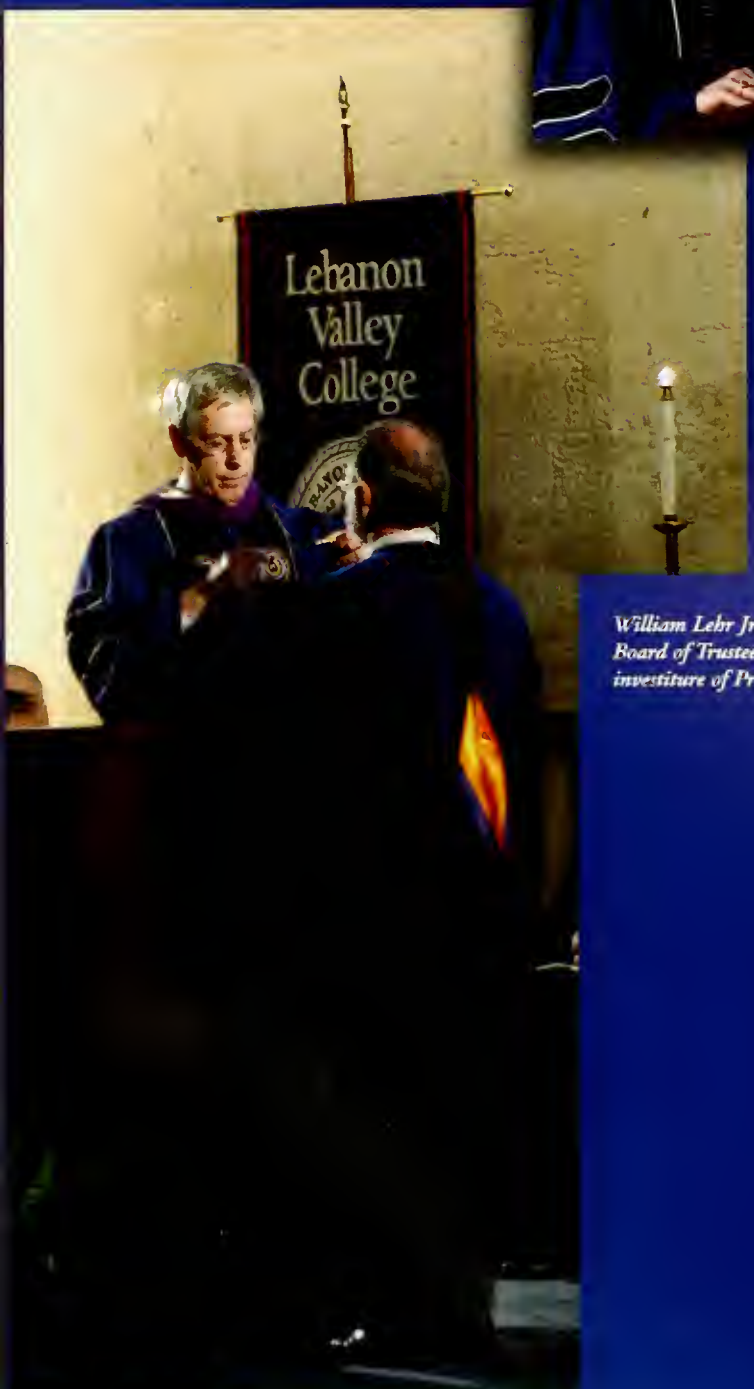
Stephen MacDonald (far right), LVC president, acknowledged the friendship of Dr. Suzanne H. Arnold H'96, honorary trustee and College benefactor (second from right), and Glenda Synodinos (center), wife of the late Dr. John Synodinos, LVC's 15th president, during the Lynch Memorial Hall rededication ceremony. Glenda's granddaughters, Emily L. (far left) and Molly R. Gertenbach, received flowers as well.

Hundreds gathered in the Synodinos Commons to share in food and drink during the rededication.

Tim Wolfe '07 (L) and Rob Bell '08 performed for the guests in Lynch Commons on Friday.

Inauguration Weekend

Kathy Bishop, vice chair of the LVC Board of Trustees, brought greetings from the business community during the inauguration of President MacDonald.



William Lehr Jr., chair of the LVC Board of Trustees, officiated at the investiture of President MacDonald.

Above left: Dr. Jim Scott, LVC professor of German (second from right), and the Quittapahilla Highlanders led the presidential procession after the inauguration.

Above right: (l. to r.) Dr. Allan Wolfe, LVC professor of biology and College Marshall, marched with Trustee Chair William Lehr Jr., Trustee Vice Chair Kathy Bishop, President MacDonald, and Elizabethtown College President Ted Long.

Left: President MacDonald (left) was joined on stage by many dignitaries including Rocco Pastorella '05 (center), LVC student government president, and Dr. Ted Long.

President MacDonald and his wife, Mary Warner, head home to Kreiderheim after the inauguration.

LVC students decorated President MacDonald's vehicle while he was being inaugurated.

President MacDonald (l.) chatted with Dr. George J. Allan, Dickinson College professor emeritus of philosophy and retired dean of the college. MacDonald and Allan are long-time friends.

Engagement,

In 1899, the first biology course was taught on the Lebanon Valley College campus. There was no laboratory, and students purchased the equipment, even the first compound microscopes used for classwork.

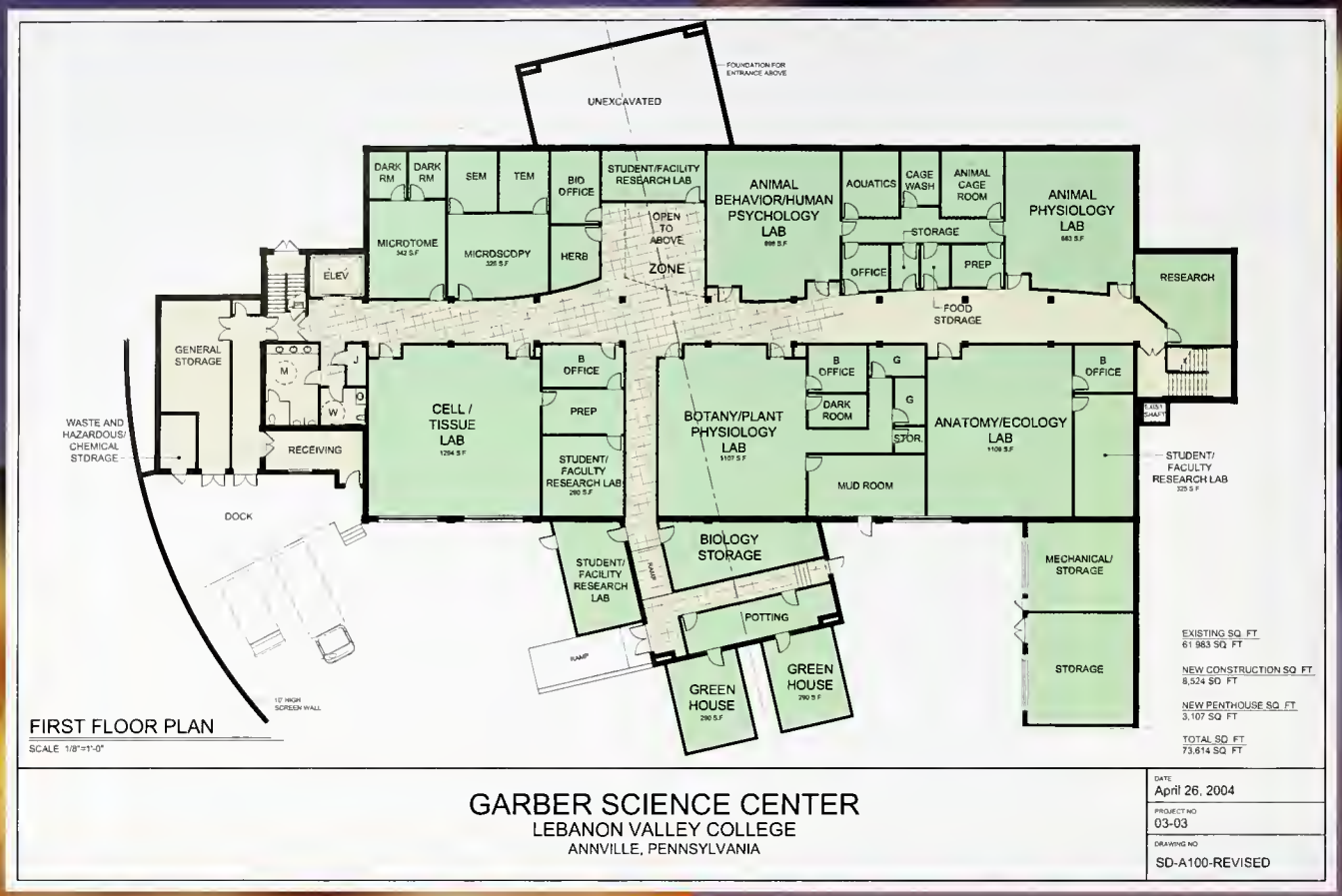
Infrastructure, and Integration

BY MARY BETH HOWER PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOHN T. CONSOLI

Since that time, the sciences at Lebanon Valley have made impressive strides, earning national recognition for programs and research, and marking each decade with the achievements of faculty and students alike. In the spring of 2006, another advancement will occur as a major reconstruction effort begins, transforming the existing Garber Science Center into a new state-of-the-art science center.

Dr. Owen Moe, Vernon and Doris Bishop Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, who joined the College in 1973, clearly remembers his department's move to the Garber Science Center when its doors first opened in late 1982. The Chemistry Department had been located in the Bender-Derickson Science Hall, a refurbished factory located along Route 934. Although the building had a certain nostalgic charm, Moe recalls that its many structural inefficiencies led to a host of challenges. Chunks of fiberglass insulation would fall from the ceiling. It was so cold in the labs that professors and students needed to bundle up in boots and gloves during the winter months.

In contrast, Moe describes the move to Garber as a dream; "It was bright and clean with beautiful bench tops and



casework in oak." And, for more than 20 years, Garber has served the sciences well. Moe seems to share the sentiment of his colleagues when he explains that while he's still happy with the building, the technological infrastructure needs work. No one, including those who designed the 1980s Garber, could anticipate how much the world of technology would change in just over two decades.

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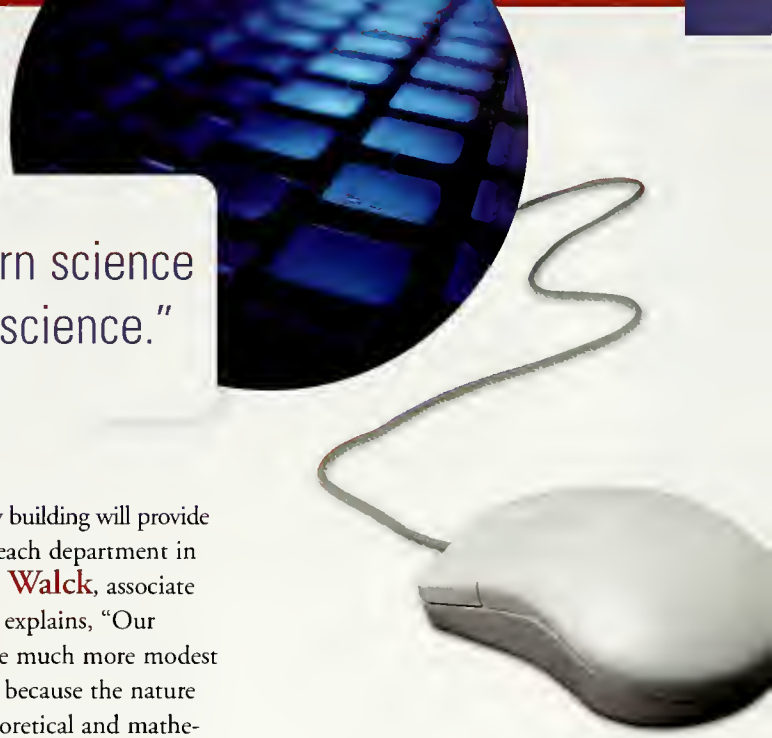
Thomas Celli of Celli-Flynn, Brennan of Pittsburgh, the architects undertaking the renovation project, credit some of their design inspiration to Project Kaleidoscope, a program supported by the National Science Foundation that focuses on building learning environments that attract and sustain undergraduate students in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

One maxim of the program, "You learn science by doing science," goes along with the architects' focus on increasing research space in the building in order to encourage something that has long been a hallmark of LVC sciences—faculty conducting research side-by-side with students.

The new plans include research laboratories attached to all the main laboratories, more than doubling the research space that is currently available in Garber. The new design also will eliminate complications with the current floor plan, namely, the maze of double corridors that make offices and labs hard to find. It also will improve the windowless design by

introducing daylight with a four-story center atrium and two towers, as well as with interior windows in classrooms, offices, and laboratories.

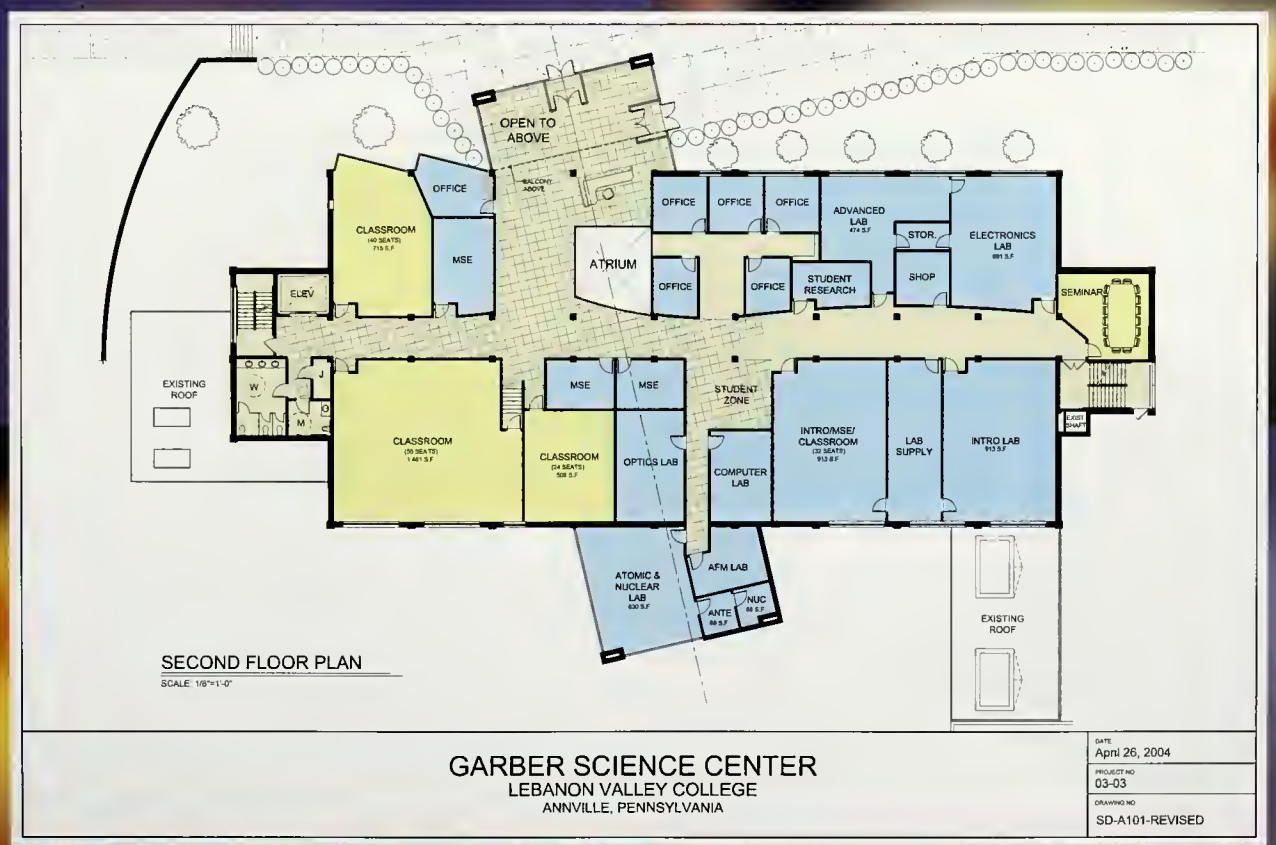
Changes to the existing laboratory space include new seminar rooms; additional introductory laboratories in biology, chemistry, and physics; and new faculty-student research spaces. To enhance science students' quality of life, the revitalized building will include "zones" on each floor where students can work on laptops, collaborate on projects, eat, and rest. In addition, technologically "smart" classrooms will enable faculty to augment their teaching by relaying information to students from a computer/DVD/VCR by using an overhead document camera to project images or to show demonstrations performed in front of the classroom.



"...you learn science by doing science."

The layout of the new building will provide specific benefits for each department in Garber. **Dr. Scott Walck**, associate professor of physics, explains, "Our physical resources are much more modest than most scientists' because the nature of what we do is theoretical and mathematical." A main advantage of the new design for him will be a computational physics lab, a space that does not currently exist. "Many physical problems that really can't be solved by hand can be solved with the aid of computers," explains Walck.

The computational physics course, which he teaches, currently meets in a classroom in Lynch because the computers there have the necessary Linux operating system.



Because of scheduling difficulties with the venue, the class is taught twice a week at the unconventional time of 4 to 5:30 p.m. The new lab, as well as the addition of a second introductory physics laboratory, will allow for greater scheduling flexibility.

Also, according to Department Chair **Dr. Barry Hurst**, the physics' student zone, positioned across the hall from the faculty offices, "is a nice touch for promoting student-faculty interaction. If they have questions, we're right here." Hurst considers student-faculty interaction a current strength of the department. "I'm impressed with the interaction we do have with our students," he says. "Physics is a tough subject to learn; a lot of one-on-one discussion is needed to get students over a roadblock or hurdle."

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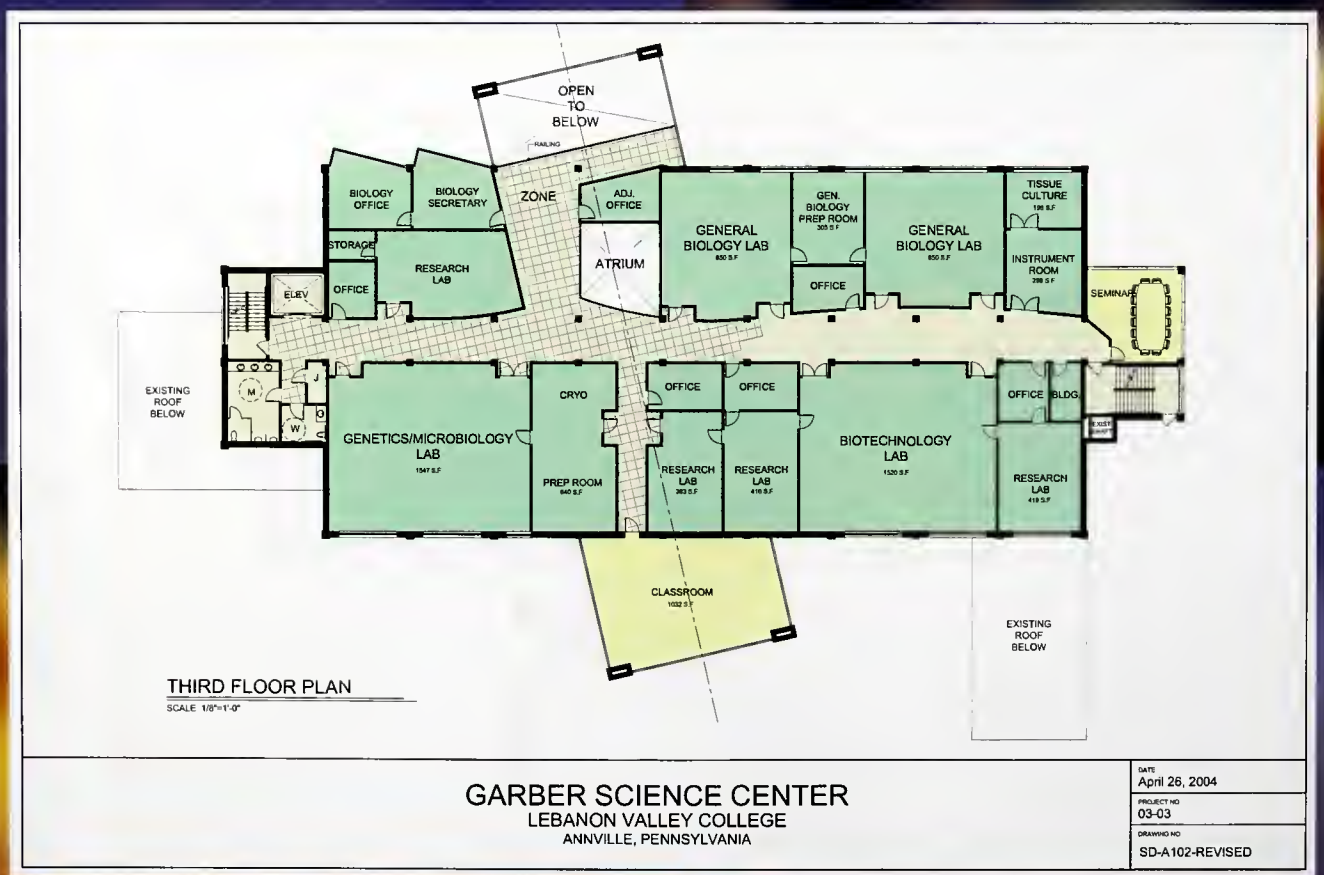
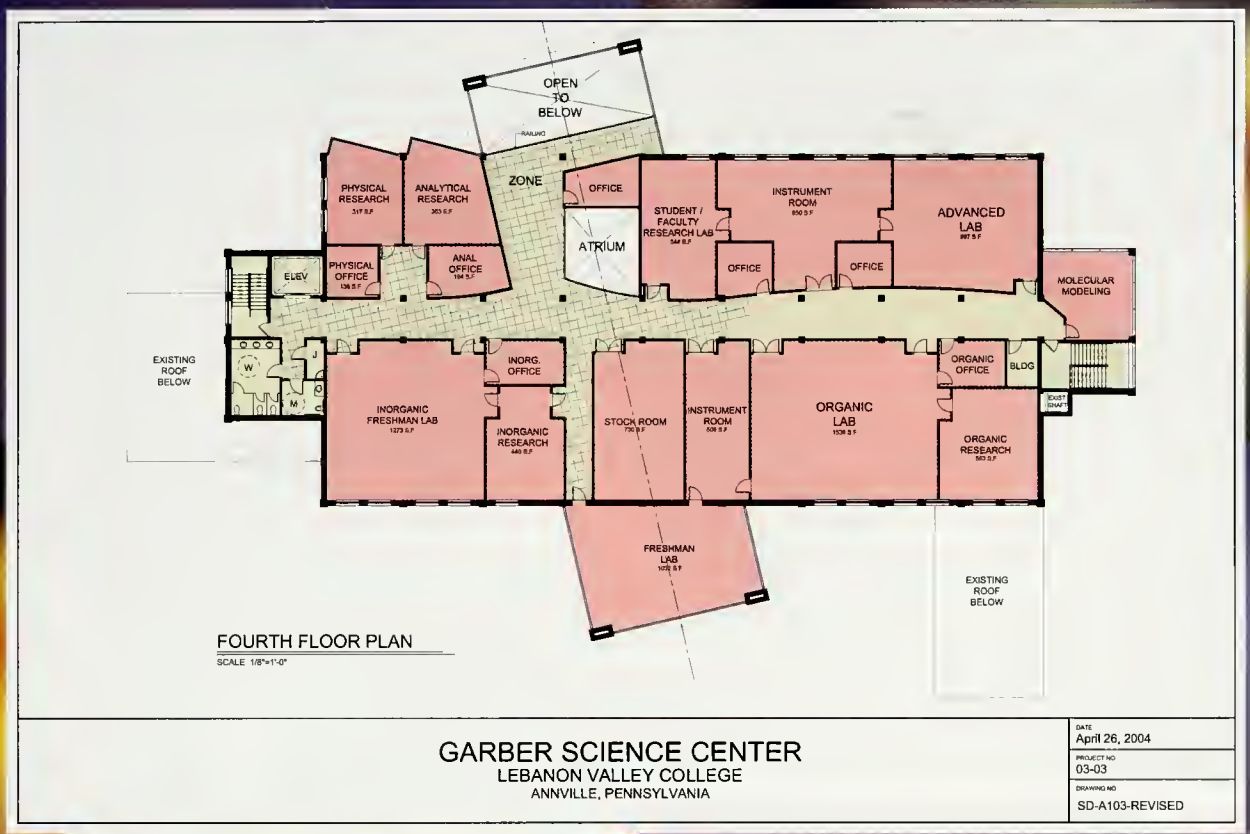
After classes end in May 2006 and the Garber construction effort begins, the building will be sliced in half vertically. The south side will be demolished and rebuilt while the north side remains in use. In turn, the south side will then be opened while the north side is renovated. Physics, the only department to vacate the building during the construction, will move temporarily to the lower level of Lynch. The Biology and Chemistry departments initially will work from the north side of the building, then switch to the south side until the facility is completed.

The construction plan requires at least two full summers when the building is not used heavily for classes. The expectation is that the new science center will be ready for the spring semester 2008. "There will be some challenges," says **Dr. Walter Patton**, assistant professor of chemistry and faculty liaison for the project, "but we're planning ahead and will be able to meet the needs for all of our teaching spaces during construction."

There is one department formerly housed in Garber that has found a new home altogether. In January 2005, the Psychology Department relocated to the second floor of Lynch. The move falls in line with another point of Project Kaleidoscope—putting science on display.





"We're now more open, literally," says Department Chair **Dr. Lou Manza**. His office now offers a view of the entire second floor of Lynch and overlooks the new campus coffee bar located in the new Synodinos Commons on the main floor. Although the original plan was for psychology to remain in Garber, Manza is pleased with the move. His department is now a cohesive unit with a library, several research labs, classrooms, faculty offices, and even a wireless hot spot where students can bring their laptops.

The classrooms are equipped with smart technology, and the wireless laptop computer lab has doubled from 12 to 24 computers, with Manza's own computer now hooked into the overhead system so he can work right along with his students. As with the other sciences still remaining in Garber, the psychology faculty's focus on research remains strong, and the department will continue to work with colleagues in Neidig-Garber on psychobiology and other projects. "Students have been taught early on that psychology is a research-oriented discipline," says Manza. "We offer many research and internship opportunities to illustrate both the scientific and practical side of psychology, and emphasize the importance of data-based analyses when drawing conclusions about behavior."

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During the most recent spring semester, Manza had eight students assisting him with research projects. "Students truly learn how to measure and understand behavior; they crunch the numbers and obtain a rational appreciation of why events occur as they do. This, in turn, makes them more informed consumers of information," he explains. "Students

may forget some of the facts over time, but they will, hopefully, leave LVC with an idea of how to look at behavior from a scientific angle."

In addition to the technological upgrades in the new science facility, measures will be taken to improve the air quality. The plans for the new building will place the Chemistry Department (except for biochemistry) on the top floor, where its laboratories, equipped with multiple fume hoods, can be vented most efficiently. "The general quality of life with the new hood systems and air-handling systems will be a tremendous improvement," says Moe.

Laboratory space also will increase, including a new inorganic chemistry teaching laboratory and five smaller labs dedicated to student-faculty research. The inorganic lab, which also will be used for teaching freshman chemistry, will strengthen the inorganic program and provide what the American Chemical Society would like the College to have for future certification in this specialized area.

All chemistry professors soon will have their own individual research labs, an idea that, Moe explains, "goes hand in hand with the research emphasis in our department." He is optimistic about the construction phase of the renovation process and the effect it will have on his department.

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"We won't miss a beat," he says. "During the first phase of construction, we will remain in our current teaching laboratories on the north side of the building, and then, when the south side is finished, we'll move across the hall into our new labs."

A key addition to the building will be a biotechnology suite on the third floor where the teaching and research areas for biochemistry, developmental biology, genetics, microbiology, and molecular biology will be located. "Physically bringing together and integrating the resources we need in order to teach and perform research in the life science disciplines will have benefits we will realize immediately in the new building. The addition of a new tissue culture laboratory in the biotechnology suite is but one example of how we will be introducing new resources into the building, resources that will directly impact what we introduce students to in our teaching and research," explains Patton.

Other space improvements include separate laboratories for animal behavior and animal physiology and technology-rich classrooms. In several biology laboratories, professors will be able to project the images they view under their microscope onto a screen for the entire class to view. Two chemistry laboratories will also be of nontraditional design, what Patton describes as a "coffee bar" approach. In these spaces, fume hoods are located around the periphery of the laboratory, while separate bench space (in the middle of the room) is oriented toward a teaching wall. Students will use this counter space during pre-lab lectures, but will also have a separate space to work on data away from the hoods while performing experiments.

Dr. Allan Wolfe, professor of biology, has seen many students work on research since he arrived on campus in 1968, and understands the importance of adequate space for such endeavors. "You learn in proportion to how much you work. These students will work long and hard; sometimes we'll have to chase them out of the labs," he says. "A significant number go on to medical and graduate school because, once they get excited about this, it's easy to convince them to go on for more education."

Dr. Anthony Neidig '43, co-chair of the Great Expectations Science Initiative and professor emeritus of chemistry, is surrounded by students who are spending the summer on campus performing scientific research with faculty in the Garber Science Center. The students (l. to r.) are Donald D. Dangle '07, James Gastbrenner '06, Gabriel P. Johnson '05, Rayne Keeney '07, Kaylan A. Greenwald '07, Danielle DeLellis '07, Alison E. Hartman '08, and AuBrei J. Weigand '08.

Faculty-student research is something that's close to the heart of the man who is lending his name to the new bulding. **Dr. Howard A. Neidig '43**, professor *emeritus* of chemistry, pioneered the tradition of research at LVC, winning the first grant of $3,000 from Research Corporation in 1948. At a time when students simply did not carry out research at undergraduate institutions, Neidig would awake early on Saturday mornings and bring orange juice and donuts to the three or four students who would meet him in the lab to work. There was also a common assumption that undergraduates could not produce research worthy of publication. Again, Neidig challenged this assumption and proved it wrong when he and his students had their research published in the *Journal of the American Chemistry Society* in 1950. This student-faculty interaction and its corresponding success has won significant grant dollars for decades.

Honoring Neidig by renaming the science center the Neidig-Garber Science Center was suggested by a study of LVC science alumni. Time and again, successful graduates spoke of Neidig's dedication and life-altering mentoring. The connection between teaching, mentoring, and involving students is not lost on the new building's namesake.

"Research provides students with the opportunity to see science as it's practiced today in the real world," says Neidig. "Students get an opportunity to plan experiments, carry them through, evaluate data, and decide which experiment to run next. This process is a way of developing the creativity that students possess and gives them an added dimension in future careers no matter what their area of specialization. A department not involved in faculty-student research is missing an excellent opportunity to enhance the education of its students." Neidig is honored to share the name of the building with **Dr. Dale Garber '18**, a Philadelphia medical doctor whom he describes as "an outstanding family physician who was deeply concerned about the education of all students."

Although Neidig retired from teaching at the College in 1985, he remained active in the sciences by serving for an additional 16 years as vice president and publisher for Chemical Education Resources, which published chemistry lab materials for use in colleges and universities. He has also maintained his close connection with the College by participating in the selection process for new science faculty, maintaining extensive correspondence with alumni, and serving with his wife, Helen, as honorary co-chair of the Great Expectations Campaign. Dr. Neidig also serves with **Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55** as co-chair of the Science Initiative. Fasick is the immediate past chair of the LVC Board of Trustees.

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While the new science facility will undoubtedly be an attraction for prospective students and their parents, Neidig acknowledges that physical changes are only one aspect of what is needed to continue to make the sciences at Lebanon Valley great. "A successful science program needs a modern-day building and facilities, an energetic and inspiring faculty, and students who are eager to learn." With the completion of the Neidig-Garber Science Center, strength in the sciences will be synonymous with Lebanon Valley College for a long time to come.

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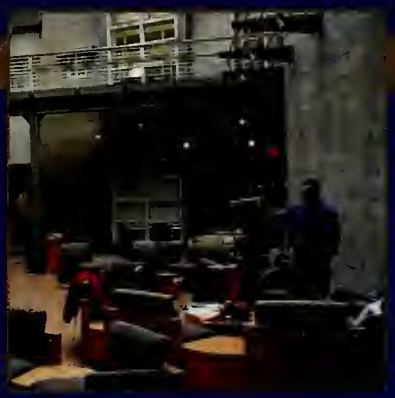
The Great Expectations Campaign



More than 300 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Lebanon Valley College joined together for the dedication of the revitalized Lynch Memorial Hall on Friday, April 29, 2005. The ceremony marked the completion of the third building project of the Great Expectations Campaign. In addition to new technology-enabled classrooms, a lecture hall, and numerous faculty offices and research rooms, the revitalized Lynch boasts the 3,200-square-foot Synodinos Commons, an open gathering area where students and faculty now mingle. The two-and-a-half-story central atrium, named by Dr. Suzanne H. Arnold H'96 in memory of the late LVC President John A. Synodinos, floods the central core of Lynch with natural light.

At the center of The Synodinos Commons is the new LVC coffee bar, which was made possible through the "Give a Little, Get a Latte" initiative. More than 500 recent graduates, alumni from the last ten years, came together to support the creation of the coffee bar as a gift to the current students of LVC. Those who gave through this project are recognized on tiles that line the entry way to The Synodinos Commons. For more information about the "Give a Little, Get a Latte" initiative, or to see who is saying, "Thanks a Latte!," please visit www.lvc.edu/latte.

With the Lynch Initiative completed, campus construction now switches focus to the Garber Science Center. The upcoming creation of the new Neidig-Garber Science Center will transform the current building into a state-of-the-art undergraduate science facility. An innovative design will support greater opportunities for faculty and students to collaboratively pursue a research agenda that is becoming the hallmark of leading undergraduate science programs in the United States. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2006.

For information about the Great Expectations Campaign, please visit www.lvc.edu/campaign.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS *as of May 31, 2005*

	Gifts to Date	Campaign Goal
Capital Construction	$18,704,276	$21,925,000
Endowment	$15,350,053	$14,400,000
Current Operations	$10,282,124	$12,000,000
*Total Campaign Contributions	$46,006,437	$50,000,000

* including gifts to all purposes

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"Wow, you really are the world traveler!"

By Ed Novak

When **Adrienne Nye D'07** gives admission tours to prospective students, she often entertains as many questions about her background as about the campus. Hailing from Gallup, New Mexico, a town of 20,000 bordering Arizona, she is enrolled in LVC's physical therapy six-year doctoral program.

People ask her if she speaks Spanish (*no*), about the reservation (*82 percent of the students in my high school are Native American*), the tourism (*about 20,000 visitors on the weekends come to see things like Tuesday rain dances during the summer*), and how she came to Lebanon Valley (*it is one of the top five programs in physical therapy, my dad's boss recommended it, and I wanted a change of scenery*).

She can also tell them about studying history, politics, literature, language, and jazz for a semester at the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy, with about a dozen other Lebanon Valley students— even though she had never before spoken or studied Italian. "The first day I cried," she says, "but I was with students from all over the world who also did not know Italian. We figured it out. Now I know that I can go anywhere."

Adrienne Nye D'07 (center, holding child) volunteered for Into Abba's Arms in Nairobi, Kenya, during the most recent winter break.

Nye can also discuss her experience of working in an orphanage in Africa this past winter. Through research on the Internet, she met a church group from Houston, Texas, that was going to work at Into Abba's Arms, an orphanage outside of Nairobi, Kenya, for children whose parents had died from AIDS-related illnesses. "There were ten children in the orphanage," Adrienne recalls. "I taught them music, played games with them, and drove them to school. They were amazingly loving."

She seems perfectly suited for her course of study. "My father is vice president of a hospital," she says, "and I volunteered as a candy striper when I was in high school. I always knew I would end up working in a hospital setting." Her foreign experiences, however, have broadened her perspective on the future. Her work in Kenya has given her a desire to work with children while her study in Italy has her considering working in another country when she finishes her degree.

Ed Novak is a writer and consultant living in Harrisburg. He wrote six of the profiles that appear in this issue.

NOTE: All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

Lenny the Leopard

Dave Neiswender '53 responded to **Gino Trosa's '06** request for stories about Lenny the Leopard.

Dave wrote: I really enjoyed the little article on Lenny in *The Valley* and wish you well on your quest for more information. I was at the Valley from 1949 to 1953 and remember Lenny well. At that time we knew him as Tyrone Tabby. He resided in the Tyrone Laboratory (or Museum) on the third floor of the Ad Building. I recall he did a good bit of traveling considering that he was stuffed! We suspected that he may have covered more territory after he was dead than he did before. He regularly visited the girls' dorms where he would wait for the first coed to come out the front door for classes in the morning.

My favorite story about him supposedly took place a few years before I was on campus. With assistance from some of his friends from campus, he managed to make his way to the Lebanon Post Office late one night and hid behind a column at the main door. The first customer the next morning was a little old lady who walked up the steps, saw Lenny, and began to scream. A Lebanon policeman was at the nearby intersection and, hearing the screams, ran over to the post office and emptied his service revolver at Lenny. Not a bullet hit him.

I hope you can track down our old friend and restore him to his rightful position of dignity. Good luck.

LVC Alumni Pass Actuarial Exams

The following LVC alumni successfully completed the indicated professional actuarial examinations in November 2003.

Interest Theory, Economics, and Finance: **Laura Erdman '06**, **Andrew Greenawalt '06**, and **Mitchell Waddell '06**

Actuarial Models: **Bill Bainbridge '03**, **Amanda Ensinger '03**, and **Laura Lagler '06**

Actuarial Modeling: **Jason Clay '04** and **Amy Shoemaker '02**

Application of Basic Actuarial Principles: **Jacob Tshudy '98**

Health, Group Life, and Managed Care: **Michael Ridler '00** and **Poo Foo See '97**

Advanced Ratemaking, Individual Risk Rating Plans: **Ryan Diehl '95**

'30s

On June 7, 2004, **Irma Keiffer Shearer '38** and **Dr. Daniel L. Shearer '38** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Amy Meinhardt Melson '39 is enjoying her retirement by playing piano for activities, programs, and services in the chapel of Indian River Estates in Vero Beach, Fla.

'40s

Dorothy Landis Gray '44 is prologue chair for the Sarasota, Fla., Opera Guild.

On July 25, 2004, **Harlan A. Daubert '49** and his wife, Jeanne, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a party at the Lebanon Country Club. Their children, **Suzanne Daubert Fox '77**, **Alison Daubert '84**, and **Aaron Daubert '93** were in attendance.

'50s

In June 2004, **Joseph D. Rojahn '50** received an honorary diploma from Dallastown Area School District. The school board recognized him for his success in life and for his service to children and to the community. He is also an accomplished vocalist who has written more than 70 choral works.

Pierce A. Getz '51 was honored by the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania with the Elaine Brown Award. This prestigious award is granted annually to a conductor for outstanding contributions to the choral art and influence throughout Pennsylvania. Pierce was nominated by **Anthony T. Leach '73**, who was unable to present the award due to prior responsibilities as guest conductor of a world youth choir in South Korea. **Richard W. Fowler '72** presented the award to Pierce.

Ruth Anne Brown Zimmerman '51 traveled back to Southeast Asia to rekindle ties at the Trinity Theological Seminary in Singapore, where she served several tours of duty as choral director and voice teacher.

John Sant'Ambrogio '54 started a seminar/retreat, *Arts for the Soul*, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., for adults who love the arts and nature. John is also in his 37th year of playing first cello in the St. Louis Symphony.

Stanley F. Imboden '55, H'88 was elected rector *emeritus* of historic St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster.

Master of the Shop

BY ED NOVAK

History and heritage are what drew **John Boag Jr. '80** to Lebanon Valley College. His grandfather, both parents, a sister, and his brother-in-law all attended. He entered college as a history major because of his interest in old things. So it would seem only natural that, three days after graduating from college, Boag began work in a museum.

For the past 20 years, he has served as an educator and craftsman at Colonial Williamsburg (CW) in Virginia, where he is master of the wheelwright's shop. "It is the only place where I could seriously study 18th century pre-industrial technology and practice a trade using those methods," he says of CW, which employs over 3,000 people and hosts about 800,000 visitors each year.

In this post-industrial, information age, Boag likes the individuality of hand-made things. Each day, Boag dresses in attire of the 18th century and works in what he calls a "living museum." He does not go into character for his work, but "visitors are looking in on the 18th century."

Modern ways and technology have interesting ways of injecting themselves into his work. The two apprentices in his shop are not 14-year-old waifs who work for nothing and live with the master—as they did in olden days. Rather, they are adults with resumés who must interview after responding to job postings (Boag apprenticed in the wheelwright's shop for six years).

Modern science is used throughout the town, which is home to about 500 buildings (88 of which are restored originals). "When we replant gardens, we use high-power microscopes to analyze soil to get an idea of what pollen is in the ground so that we can replicate plantings from hundreds of years ago," he says.

Boag is the father of two teenagers, who are both active in the CW education program. "In the summer, my son makes bricks and my daughter works in a house," he explains.

"I like the challenges of the craft and educating visitors and school groups," he says. "I also learn something new every day and I may be the only person in the country who does what I do at this level. And my wife thinks it's cool."

KEEPING THE Hershey Heritage ALIVE

By Ed Novak

Joseph "Dr. B" Brechbill '57

In the past decade, mention of the Milton Hershey School in the media usually focused on controversy as the school's board of managers attempted to make changes at the school that have been opposed by a powerful group of alumni. "People did not object to the efforts to update programs," says the school's longtime curator, **Joseph "Dr. B" Brechbill '57**, "but they objected to what they viewed as attempts to make the school into something the founders of the school never intended."

In order to help everyone understand the forces behind the founding of the school and its historical mission, Dr. B set out to write a book about the school he has served for more than 40 years as teacher, counselor, and administrator. "The Hershey family and my own family came to this country about the same time for reasons of religious freedom," he says. "I felt I had an understanding of the forces in religion and philosophy that formed the attitudes and values of the Hersheys."

"Lebanon Valley gave me an understanding of life ..."

After six years of research and writing, Dr. B finally published the history, his first book, titled *It Was Kitty's Ideal*. "The acceptance of the book and appreciation expressed for putting the real story together has been, without exception, positive," he says.

This is a very different course than Dr. B had intended after leaving a farm across the Yellow Breeches Creek in York County more than a half century ago. He served in the U.S. Air Force for three years in Japan during the Korean War, married **Lois Hilsher** (to whom he has been married for 53 years), and entered LVC with the intention of ultimately going to law school.

"Lebanon Valley gave me an understanding of life and that understanding helped me find a starting point for a life of service to others," he says. "However, I still have a desire to become a lawyer, just to say I met the goal."

Joan Conway '57 is artistic director of the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck and Herrick District Library Concert Series in Holland, Mich. She also teaches private piano lessons.

Bernerd A. Buzgon '59 was named to *Philadelphia Magazine's* "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2004: The Ultimate Guide to the Best Attorneys in Pennsylvania."

'60s

Semi-retired, **Douglas A. Ross '60** teaches online business courses for the University of Phoenix and also runs Ross Associates, a consulting business in Sarasota, Fla.

Peter H. Riddle '61 has published his fourth novel, *Running Away*, a study of an aging university professor afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, which has been nominated for a Governor General's Literary Award and the Thomas Raddall Prize for Fiction in Canada.

On May 31, 2004, **Gary Myers '63** retired from the Forest Products Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service in Madison, Wis. Gary was a research scientist in the field of wood fiber utilization for more than 38 years.

Bonnie Weirick Carl '65 is a tutor for Sylvan Learning Center in Florida.

Malcolm L. Lazin '65 is executive director for Equality Forum, Philadelphia, and is a member of the LVC Board of Trustees.

Retiring after 31 years of teaching, **David W. Leigh '65** now manages the family's tree farm in Belgrade, Maine, and teaches classes at Kennebec Valley Community College.

Richard L. "Dick" London '65 is director of actuarial science for the University of Connecticut.

Gail Muritz Oberta '65 is chief executive officer for Universal Health Services in Liberty Hill, Texas.

After 38 years of service, **George J. Hollich Jr. '65** retired from Milton Hershey School. He was inducted into the inaugural 2004 Spartan Hall of Fame, and was honored for founding and serving as a faculty advisor to the Spartan Players for 25 years.

Karen M. Poorman '65 is a broker/salesperson for Pru Fox and Roach Real Estate in Mercer County, N.J.

Harrison D. Woodruff '65 is busy in his retirement as commander of Warrington Auxilary Police and as chairman of Community Service Memorial, Doylestown.

In May 2004, **Donald B. Kitchell '67** celebrated 14 years as pastor of Lite Tabernacle Oneness Messianic Pentecostal Church in Gladewater, Texas.

Congratulations to **Larry J. Painter '67** for being selected as the *Colorado Springs Gazette*'s Education Teacher of the Year for 2003–2004.

In 2004, **Richard W. Wentzel '67** retired as administrator of Lebanon Catholic School. He is currently a full-time pastoral assistant at Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lebanon.

Darryl Brixius '68 is an instructor for Columbus State Community College in Ohio.

Jay Mengel '68 has been appointed to the Mississippi Governor's Nature-Based Tourism Task Force.

'70s

Gregory Myers '70 is a superintendent in the Wyoming Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for the Wilkes-Barre district.

In June 2004, **Jo Ann Yeagley '70** retired from the Lebanon School District after teaching for 34 years at Henry Houck Elementary School and at the Lebanon Middle School.

John "Buzz" Jones '72 brought The Buzz Jones Sextet to Music Gettysburg, a year-round free concert series featuring international and local musical artists, presenting a free concert in the chapel of the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Buzz is music department chair and director of the Jazz Ensemble at Gettysburg College. He is a published composer who has earned seven ASCAP Standard Awards for contributions to the field of educational music.

Lawrence M. Larthey '72 is principal of the Penn-Kidder Campus in the Jim Thorpe Area School District in Albrightsville.

Gail Pepe '72 is an administrative assistant for Eugene J. Alphonse, CPA, in Middleburg, Fla.

Kathleen A. Bangert '73 is the assistant regional director for external affairs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services for the Northeast Region in Hadley, Mass.

Ruth Nickerson Rittmann '73 has established Rittzy Productions, LLC, a costume and rental business in New Jersey.

John S. Kinsella '73 is eastern regional director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Investigative and Enforcement Services in Raleigh, N.C.

With a Little Help *from* Her Friends

By Ed Novak

When **Deborah Strickler Freer '71** arrived on campus in the late 1960s, her world must have seemed perfectly ordered. She remembers that women could not wear slacks to class and had to dress for dinner. There were set hours in the dorms. She and the other members of the women's basketball team wore skirts.

Then she met a group of women that included the late **Martha Schreiber Morgan '71**, **Catherine Johnson Auten '71**, **Nancy Hummel Park '71**, **Theresa Featherstone DePiper '71**, **Jane Snider**, **Carol Grove Miller '71**, and **Nancy Hendrickson Weiman '69**. They often talked late into the night about the universe and life, learning about each other and themselves, and about changing their world.

Peter and Deborah '71 Freer

"Those sessions with an extraordinary group of people were truly an education," she recalls. "It was the '60s, a very exciting time to be a student. We began to see a lot of questions being asked about the Vietnam War and about social institutions." By her junior year, she recalls, "students were wearing combat boots and camouflage, and had keys to the dorms."

Change in her life only accelerated after college: she traveled to France to study at the Sorbonne and to New York to study urban planning at Columbia University. She moved to Denver, Colo., for a few years, got married, and then returned to Lebanon with her husband, Peter, to raise a family.

At the age of 31, however, with three children not yet old enough for kindergarten, Freer was diagnosed with breast cancer. "My prognosis was not good," she remembers. She traveled to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, to receive a new type of aggressive chemotherapy. The treatment, which is now common, saved her life.

"I felt a tremendous pressure to stay well while my kids were young," she says. "Now that they are grown, everything is a joy."

These days Freer volunteers a lot, serving on the boards of Good Samaritan Hospital and WITF, the Central Pennsylvania public broadcasting station. She also is involved with PA Breast Cancer Coalition. "I want to encourage women to be aggressive about their health," she says. "If they are diagnosed, they need to take charge of their disease through knowledge. Something powerful can come out of a difficult struggle that adds richness and a sense of purpose to life."

Her friends from college are one aspect of her life that has not changed. "We remain friends to this day, sharing joys and concerns," Freer says. "When I was down with my illness, they lifted me up."

Jill Greenstein '74 owns a Merle Norman Cosmetics studio in Lancaster.

Patricia Hamilton Tison '74 is fulfilling a lifelong dream by serving as teaching director at New Country School, a private alternative school in West Baldwin, Maine.

Melanie A. Wilson '74 opened The Center for Well-Being in Bryn Mawr.

Wendie Gingrich Zearfoss '74 has published her first novel, *Tempered in the Fire*.

Kathie Diehl Bittenbender '76 has retired after 27 years of teaching music. She is director of the hand bell choir at First United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg.

Stephen Sachs '76 is a professor of piano and music choir at Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss.

Diane Schlicher Bernard '77 is senior project executive at IDX Systems Corporation in Florida.

Leanne Kline '77 is director of regulatory services for**[AU: something missing here? Where is Leanne employed?]**. Leanne monitors regulatory compliance, prepares for inspections, and responds to regulatory inquiries and investigation and support.

Brian E. Rabena '78 is territorial sales manager for Glatfelter Insurance Group in York.

Alfred E. Maree Jr. '79, sales manager for Lucas Lane Inc. in Reading, along with his wife, Ann, raised over $8,000 for the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Peloton Project. They also traveled to Austin, Texas, in October, where they joined 6,500 other bike riders in the Ride for the Roses, an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.

'80s

Karl E. Moyer '80 has published a new setting of the English carol "This the Truth Sent From Above."

Rick Nath '80, manager of environmental programs for CSX Transportation, was honored in October 2004 for receiving the 2003 American Association of Railroads Environmental Excellence Award for Professionals. Each year, one environmental professional from North American railroads is recognized for outstanding professional achievements within the field of environmental management. Rick was recognized in a ceremony held at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Raymond J. Boccuti '81 is superintendent for Jenkintown School District in Bucks County.

Jill Shaffer Swanson '81 is director of information for JR Rodgers & Associates Inc., a Dale Carnegie franchise for Western/Central/Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Hudson Valley of New York, Wisconsin, and Nevada.

Eva Greenawalt Bering '82 is vice president of resident services for Landis Homes in Lancaster.

Philip W. Holzman '82 was recently elected dean of the newly formed Prairie Lakes Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Timothy J. Wolf '82 is a pastor for New Horizon Christian Fellowship in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Michael W. Laporta Jr. '83 is assistant principal at Nitschmann Middle School in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Carolyn Dickerson Bradford '85 is a program analyst for L3 Communications in Williamstown, N.J.

Jane Rupert Dutton '85 is director of ministries at Living Waters United Methodist Church in Lancaster. Jane was named the 2004 Administrator of the Year for her work in community mental health by the Mental Health Association of Lancaster County.

Cindy Mathieson Geib '85 was appointed chair of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations for the second year in a row.

Elizabeth Gross Swartz '85 is president of Betsy Swartz Fine Art Consulting Inc. in Bozeman, Mont.

Kathleen Yorty Thach '85 is a K–8 guidance counselor in a private school in Winston Salem, N.C. She is also a private-practice mental health counselor licensed by the state of North Carolina.

Julie A. Kissinger '86 is vice president of finance for Cloister Wash & Lube Car Wash in Lancaster.

Ronald A. Hartzell '87 is vice president for National Penn Bank in Pottstown. Ronald is responsible for marketing research, database marketing, deposit product development, and retail target marketing.

Joanne M. Janeski '87 married Robert P. Adams on Oct. 18, 2003, in Wicomico Church, Va.

Ingrid Peterson '87 is a special education teacher at Decker Elementary in Las Vegas, Nev.

James Reilly '87 is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey.

On June 18, 2004, **Catherine Waltermyer Boyanowski '88** and her husband, Mark, welcomed the birth of their third child, Abigail Elizabeth.

Vincent Bulik '88 is the director of corporate partnerships for the Lancaster Barnstormers, a professional, minor league baseball team, and will be responsible for corporate sales and new business development.

Rebecca Chamberlain Kreischer '88, a life-sharing coordinator for Keystone Residence in Harrisburg, and her husband, Cody, welcomed a son, Foster John, into their family on March 18, 2004.

Janet Gehrig Russo '88 is customer service manager for Duofold in Tamaqua.

Lori Stortz Heverly '89 is a medical committee member of the Group Underwriter's Association of America. Lori was also a speaker at the November 2004 GUAA Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

Barbara Lowie Hicks '89 has been promoted to director of facilities in the athletic department at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Renee Lopez '89 is a controller at Ausherman Development Corporation in Frederick, Md.

Jennifer Lord '89 has earned a Master of Arts degree at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Theresa Leach Montgomery '89 is a kindergarten teacher for the Bedford Area School District.

Douglas L. Nyce '89, '91 has been named assistant director of the Pennsylvania Governor's School of Excellence in Teaching.

Edwina R. Travers '89 is the learning resource center manager for Delaware Technical and Community College in Dover, Del.

'90s

Paul J. Bruder '90 is a partner in the Harrisburg law firm of Rhoads & Sinon LLP. Paul practices environmental law, construction law, and commercial litigation.

D. Scott Carey '90, administrative director of LibertyHealth's Jersey City Family Health Center, recently completed the oversight of a year-long project to implement a new drug pricing program and pharmacy. New

Jersey's acting governor, Richard Cody, and Commissioner of Health Dr. Fred Jacobs, attended the announcement. Scott later presented the program at the New Jersey Statehouse.

Todd A. Hess '90 is a partner with Amerman, Hess and Ginder, P.C., in Lebanon.

On June 2, 2004, **Stefanie Wilds Keyte '90** and her husband, Steven, welcomed a third daughter, Lauren Debra, into their family.

On July 21, 2004, **Edward F. Wirth '90** and **Anne Wolf Wirth '90** welcomed a second child, Joshua Sarvas, into their family. Edward is working for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a research biologist. Anne is pursuing a nursing degree in Charleston, S.C.

On Nov. 21, 2004, **Karl D. Liedtka '91** and his wife, **Jennifer Peters Liedtka '92, M'00** welcomed a son, Jack Christopher, into their family.

Nicole Grove Brubaker '92 is a physical therapy aide for the Physical Therapy Association of Manheim.

Susan Leonard McClain '92 is a clinic manager for Rehabilitation Consultants Inc. in Wilmington, Del. Susan is a member of the Delaware County Athletic Hall of Fame for field hockey.

Michelle Smith Moore '92 is a senior case manager for Chase Brexton Health Services in Maryland.

Gary V. Nolan '92 is director of agronomy for Championship Golf Management in West Cornwall Township. He is responsible for establishing company-wide maintenance standards.

On March 29, 2004, **Douglas E. Prowant '92** and his wife, Janice, welcomed a son, Dexter Gabriel, into their family. Douglas is elementary technology coordinator for Mount Union Area School District.

On Aug. 5, 2004, **William James Rossnock '92** and his wife, Sandra, welcomed a daughter, Molly Elyse, into their family.

Lori K. Rothermel, M.D., '92 is a member of the medical staff of Evangelical Community Hospital and has successfully fulfilled the certification requirements of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Cherie Lingle Van Zant '92 and her husband, John, welcomed Jordan Elizabeth into their family on July 9, 2004.

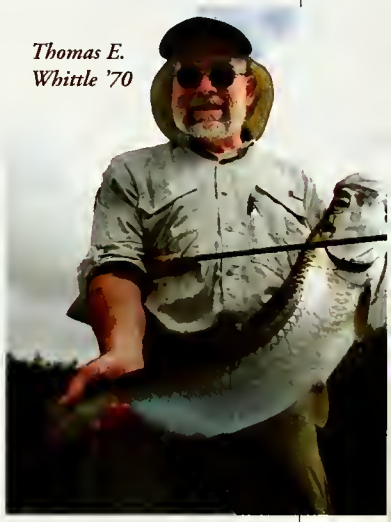
On July 31, 2004, **Christa Wachinski '92** married Robert Snyder at Saucon Valley Acres in Bethlehem. Christa's sister, **Melinda Wachinski Kleppinger '93**, was matron of honor.

The Perfect Cast

By Ann Hess Myers

In 1970, when **Thomas E. Whittle** graduated from Lebanon Valley College, job opportunities for physics majors were somewhat limited. Little did he know that his first job as a lab technician at Lebanon Waste Water Treatment plant would lead to a career as a wastewater treatment engineer, first as an employee, and later as an entrepreneur, consulting with wastewater treatment facilities across the country. But his interest in water quality didn't stop with wastewater treatment systems. Clean water is also essential for his favorite sport, fly fishing.

"My father gave me my first bamboo fly-fishing rod when I was 10. I have been an avid fisherman since that day." Several years ago, Whittle took the entrepreneurial skills he learned from founding CET Engineering Services in Harrisburg and applied them to his childhood love of fly fishing. Today, with his second and much smaller business, Stony Creek Rods, he makes about 10 custom bamboo fly-fishing rods a year. While CET, founded in 1979, is a full-service engineering company with 65 employees and three offices, Stony Creek Rods is decidedly more laid back.



Thomas E. Whittle '70

Whittle collects, restores, and makes the bamboo fishing rods by hand. "Each rod takes about 80 hours to complete. I begin with a 12-foot long piece of bamboo that is split into smaller sections and beveled into triangles. The beveled triangles are glued together to form the rod blank," he explains. He finishes the rod-making process with nickel silver ferrules and wood reel seats turned on this lathe.

Whittle also had a hand in establishing the Pennsylvania Fly-Fishing Museum Association (PFFMA), which sponsors exhibits at the Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse on the Yellow Breeches Creek in Boiling Springs and at the Brown Library in Williamsport. The association is dedicated to promoting and preserving the rich heritage of fly-fishing in Pennsylvania, and to educating the public about its rivers, stream, lakes, and the importance of conservation of the aquatic life within them.

Improving water quality is what Whittle has been doing for years with his engineering firm. Whittle believes in "making bugs happy" by using aerobic and anaerobic bacteria for the biological treatment of wastewater. He was the chief operator of the Swatara Waste Water Treatment Plant when Gannett Fleming recruited him to start up a new group overseeing operations to support their engineering staff. With years of experience under his belt, Whittle founded CET 26 years ago. The company began its operations by helping wastewater treatment plants to operate more efficiently. Clients include municipal areas within a two-to-three hour drive from Harrisburg as well as industrial clients all over the country. Hershey Food and Hanover Foods are some of his company's oldest clients.

When he can get some time off, Whittle particularly enjoys fly fishing on the shallow flats of Mexico, and always practices catch-and-release conservation. For more information on the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association, visit www.paflyfishing.org.

The PFFMA is a federally recognized nonprofit and an all-volunteer organization.

Ann Hess Myers has been LVC's director of alumni programs since 1998. She has been a visiting instructor in sociology at Dickinson College.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP

By Ann Hess Myers

With an awesome view of the city, the Capitol complex, and the Susquehanna River, the attorney general's office on the 16th floor of Strawberry Square in Harrisburg suits **Tom Corbett '71**. Corbett has had an interest in politics and a fascination with government ever since his days at the Valley.

Corbett's introduction to Lebanon Valley College started when his father, Thomas, served as deputy attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Corbett's father became acquainted with former College **President Frederic K. Miller**, who, after leaving the College, took the job of commissioner of higher education for the Commonwealth. "President Miller suggested that I take a look at LVC," said the younger Corbett.

Tom Corbett '71

"At LVC, **Dr. Alex J. Fehr '50**, my political science professor, encouraged me to pursue my political aspirations and guided me along the way," Corbett recalls. "I remember being challenged by great professors. Nobody taught history like **Dr. Elizabeth Geffen**. I appreciated the opportunity to be an athlete, to develop my own character, and to bond with people who have become lifetime friends."

After graduating from LVC and receiving his *juris doctor* degree from St. Mary's University Law School, Corbett served in the Allegheny County district attorney's office. In 1980, he became an assistant U.S. attorney and served in that position until 1983, when he decided to go into private practice. He was elected to the Republican Committee and, by way of a grassroots campaign, won a seat with the Shaler Township commissioners by only 120 votes, quite an accomplishment for a Republican in a heavily Democratic county.

In 1981, as assistant U.S. attorney, Corbett tried a major drug case in Erie. During his time in Erie, Corbett met a young assistant district attorney named Tom Ridge. Their friendship continues to this day.

Corbett was recruited in 1988 to help run George Herbert Walker Bush's presidential campaign in southwestern Pennsylvania. Following the election, Corbett was appointed by President Bush to serve as a U.S. attorney, a position he held until 1992. He returned to private practice and in 1995, he was appointed by then-Governor Tom Ridge to complete an unfinished term as Pennsylvania attorney general. Now, eight years later, Corbett has returned to that office. "It feels at times as if I had never left," said Corbett. "Many of the same people are still here with several having worked their way up the ladder."

One of the things Corbett learned at LVC is that in politics you can agree to disagree politely. "The number one responsibility for state government is public safety for the citizens of the Commonwealth," stated Corbett.

Corbett and his wife, **Susan Manbeck Corbett '72**, live in the Pittsburgh area in a pre-Civil War farmhouse owned by the Corbett family since Tom was seven years old. Although he and Susan love their historic home, they are looking for a second home in the Harrisburg area, perhaps one close to Annville and LVC.

Ann Hess Myers has been LVC's director of alumni programs since 1998. She has been a visiting instructor in sociology at Dickinson College.

Douglas Zook Jr. '92 is a physics teacher for the Avon Grove School District in Chester County.

Jeffrey R. Burt '93 is vice president of marketing for Hanover Life Reassurance in Orlando, Fla.

Theodore Jones '93 is a math teacher for Franklin Township Board of Education in Somerset, N.J.

Malissa Noll Weikel '93 and her husband, Ken, welcomed a daughter, Genevieve May, into their family on Sept. 20, 2004.

Jennifer Bower '94 is an instructor in behavioral sciences and leadership at the U.S. Military Academy. Jennifer received a master's degree in industrial and systems engineering from Ohio State University.

On Jan. 8, 2003, **Jennifer Willet Coye '94,** service coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Social Services in Rock Hill, and her husband, Wesley, welcomed a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, into their family.

Kristofer Kohler '94 is a high school guidance counselor for Belleville Township Schools in N.J.

Michael H. Yordy '94 is the head varsity basketball coach for Cardinal Brennan High School in Hazelton.

Stephanie L. Allen '95 and **Neil D. Via '96** were married on July 16, 2004, in New Cumberland.

Jeffrey E. Kostura '95 is project manager for Wharton-Smith Inc. in Tequesta, Fla.

Lisa Hollowbush Litzenberger '95 is a kindergarten teacher for Conrad Weiser East Elementary School in Wernersville.

Craig A. Wolfe '95 is operations manager for Hauck Manufacturing in Cleona.

Jamie Bollinger '96 is a business development manager for Aerotek Companies in Texas.

Amy Zehner Clemson '96 and her husband, Robert, welcomed a daughter, Cassandra Rose, into their family on Sept. 28, 2004.

Rebecca Cituk Ragno '96 is a fourth-grade teacher in the Portsmouth School District in Rhode Island.

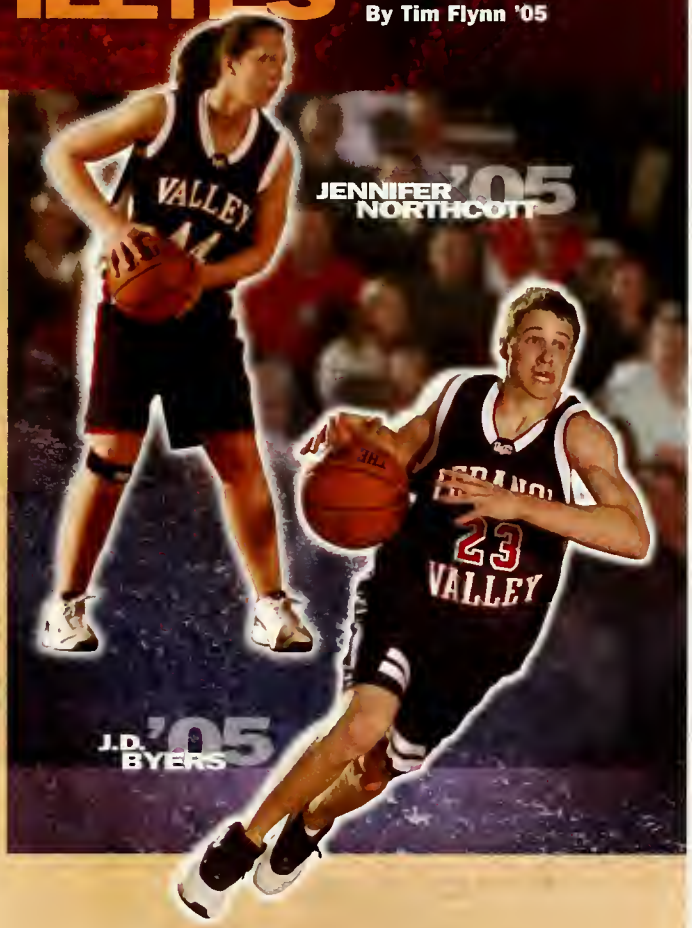
Reba Dieffenbach Donley '96 and her husband, Robert, welcomed their fourth son, Ray Jacob, on May 26, 2004.

Sharon Murray Lockwood '96 and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second son, Matthew Thomas, on Oct. 12, 2004.

Heather Nissley '96 received a doctoral degree in clinical psychology with specialized training in clinical neuropsychology from

ULTIMATE STUDENT-ATHLETES

By Tim Flynn '05



J.D. Byers '05 is standing outside a study room at the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library, talking with fellow LVC basketball player **Steve Buzinski '05**. They're not talking about the team's trip to the NCAA tournament or what happened in the NBA the night before—they're helping each other with a class assignment.

"Don't worry, I'll be here all night," Byers says as Buzinski walks out of the room. Byers, after all, is the epitome of what NCAA Division III athletics is all about. Without huge crowds, TV appearances, and cross-country travel schedules, student-athletes in Division III are expected to excel in the classroom more so than on the court. And the business administration and accounting double major, who earned virtually every major national award for excellence in academics and basketball following his senior year, is a shining example of that system at its best.

"As athletes, we don't have a lot of time. Once practice is over, it's work time," Byers says, explaining the delicate balancing act between maintaining his 3.85 grade point average and keeping up with his workouts and practices.

The seeds for basketball success were planted early in life, as Byers began as a ball boy for his father's high school team before learning the game.

"I've been around basketball all my life. As soon as I could dribble, I dribbled," he laughs. His father David, a high school coach near Baltimore, encouraged him, he says, to constantly improve, and he did so, playing alone in the yard up to seven hours a day during the summer. "It was his drive as much as it was mine," Byers says. "He saw my potential and pushed me as far as I could go."

Although he was recruited by nearly 30 schools, Byers says that out of high school, he wasn't expected to be the player he turned into at the DIII level. He chose to play at LVC because Head Coach **Brad MacAlester** worked the hardest to bring him into the program.

"I don't think when coach recruited me, he expected to get out of me what he got out of me," he says. He was promised at least some minutes off the bench and starts in all the junior varsity games.

His hard work and relentless practicing paid off big. One hundred varsity starts and zero junior varsity games later, Byers has closed out his collegiate career with some jaw-dropping numbers. He owns every school record for three-point shooting, including most made in a career (301), season (100), and game (8); is fifth all-time on the LVC scoring list with 1,898 career points; and is second all-time with 468 assists.

The stack of honors from his senior year is taller than his 5'10" frame. Byers earned the Jostens Award, given to the most outstanding student-athlete in Division III basketball, was named the *ESPN The Magazine* College Division Academic All-American of the Year, and was an NABC First Team All-American. Byers and fellow LVC hoopster **Jennifer Northcott '05** were named NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship finalists. He also repeated as the Commonwealth Player of the Year and is a three-time first team all-conference selection.

Oh, and he's a pretty good golfer, too—Byers placed third at last year's MAC Championships and was named an Academic All-American in that sport as well.

After a career like that, Byers isn't ready to tear himself away from basketball—he wants to coach college ball. "My teammates say I'm crazy," he says. "But I just can't see my life without basketball."

Editor's Note: On June 1, 2005, Northcott became LVC's third NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient.

Tim Flynn '05 graduated in May with a degree in English communications. As a student, he was general manager of WLVC Radio and play-by-play announcer for men's and women's basketball. He also was the sports editor of *La Vie Collegienne* and redesigned the campus literary journal *Greenblotter* in addition to compiling an ultimate history of LVC football. Flynn was hired as a sports information assistant at the University of Pennsylvania after graduation.

Washington State University. She began a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology and rehabilitation at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, in Baltimore, Md.

Jennifer S. Stites '96 married Stephen P. Zdaniewicz on April 24, 2004. Jennifer is a certified school psychologist for the Tunkhannock Area School District.

Cornell Wilson '96 is a case manager for Cornell Companies in Harrisburg.

Anthony Burke, M.D., '97 is a cardiovascular disease fellow at the Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Oklahoma.

Kristi Lorah Cleary'97 is a school psychologist for the Syracuse City School District in New York.

Ana Prewitt-Rodriguez Farr '97 was promoted to early intervention coordinator/ mental retardation supervisor for Centre County in Bellefonte.

Robyn Welker Keckler '97 is a first-grade teacher for the Anne Arundel County Schools in Maryland.

On April 24, 2004, **Danielle S. Kraft '97** married Neil C. Penza at St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Reading.

On October 23, 2004, **Kimberly Leister '97** married Justin Bainum at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bechtelsville. Joining in their special day were **Jennifer Taylor Riner '97, Mary Blakenmeyer Rice '97, Megan Toppin Beidle '98, Nicholas Beidle '99,** and **Shannan Bennett '99.**

Kenneth R. Mengel '97 retired from Verizon Communications in 2003. In addition to enjoying retirement, playing golf, and cycling, Kenneth is a part-time coordinator for the mission program at Colonial Park United Methodist Church in Harrisburg.

Karen M. Neal '97 is manufacturing supervisor for Amgen Incorporated in West Greenwich, R.I.

Lisa Ellenberger '97 is a disability claim adjudicator for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry in Enola.

Debra Meyer Gamble '97 is a consultant/ research assistant for Maximus Inc. in Harrisburg.

Gregory J. Glembocki '97 and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a daughter, Gianna Marie, into their family on Aug. 30, 2004.

Daniel P. Henderson '97 is a trainee and political researcher for Energy Wise Lighting Incorporated in Eugene, Ore.

What are they doing?

We came across some interesting historical photographs while searching the LVC Archives, located in the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library, and would appreciate your help. If you can identify when and where this photograph was taken, and/or any names of the people shown, please e-mail Tom Hanrahan at hanrahan@lvc.edu. Stories about the group are also welcome and may be included in future issues of *The Valley*.

Nicole Lancieri '97 is a behavior specialist for Virtua Hospital in Mt. Holly, N.J.

Robert H. Reiss III '97 and **Joyce Hodacz Reiss '97** welcomed a son, Jacob, into their family on Sept. 21, 2003.

On July 31, 2004, **Rachel L. Shaak '97** married Patrick Sebastian at Myerstown United Church of Christ. Rachel is a fourth-grade teacher for the Governor Mifflin School District in Shillington.

Jessica Smith Teska '97 and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a daughter, Madeleine Grace, into their family on Dec. 15, 2003.

Melissa Vargo '97 received a doctoral degree in biochemistry from the University of Delaware. She is conducting postdoctoral research at Yale University School of Medicine.

Tamara Demmy Weaver '97, a part-time office assistant for Invisible Fence of Susquehanna Valley in Lancaster, and her husband, Bob, are also busy caring for their new addition, daughter Rachel Anne.

Lori Sando Williams '97 is database officer for Fulton Financial Corporation in Lancaster.

Dyan Shannon Branstetter '98 is a third-grade teacher at Brecht Elementary School in the Manheim Township School District.

Laura Davidson'98 graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in London, England, with a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine.

On May 1, 2004, **Matthew C. Eicher '98** married Suzanne Loper at Christ Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield.

On May 9, 2004, **Angela Coval Godfrey '98** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a daughter, Ashlynn Noelle, into their family.

On Jan. 26, 2004, **Todd A. Henry '98,** chief operating officer for The Pension Alliance, Inc. in Harrisburg, and his wife, Tina, welcomed a daughter, Sienna, into their family.

Lisa Kostura '98 is a special projects associate for the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dawn Downs Moslander '98 is director of human resources for The Jay Group of East Lampeter Township.

On July 31, 2004, **Aaron Matthew Palmer '98** married Emily Valjean Fisher at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Carlisle. Aaron is a senior application development specialist for Ajilon in Mechanicsburg.

On June 12, 2004, **Beth Paul '98** married Mael B. Saunier at the Eglise Lutherienne de Lyon in Lyon, France. **Yvonne D'UVA Howard '97** and **Josh Howard '97** were in attendance. Beth is working at the American Embassy in Paris.

Jerry W. Pfarr '98 and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a son, Elliott William Pfarr, into their family on Sept. 17, 2004.

David R. Smith IV '98 is resident director of the Berks County Youth Center in Leesport.

Aaron F. Strenkoski '98 received his M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix.

On June 26, 2004, **Kimberly C. Weitzel '98** married Joseph Nunberg in Burkittsville, Md.

Kathleen Ziga '98 is an area coordinator for Allegheny College.

Shannan Bennett '99 is a student program leader for the Milton Hershey School.

On September 4, 2004, **Carrie A. Champ '99** married David Morera at LVC's Miller Chapel

On September 25, 2004, **Lisa M. Davis '99** married Scott Wenrich at Paradise Point in San Diego, Calif.

Sophia Goclan Dripps '99 is director of development for Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill.

Cynthia Ensminger Goshorn '99 and her husband, James, welcomed their second child, Connor James, into their family on July 23, 2004.

Jody Jacobetz Huber '99 received a *jurist doctorate* degree from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del. Jody received the Zelda K. Hermann Memorial Cup Award for scholarship, leadership, and contribution *pro bono publico*; the Moe Levine Trial Advocacy Honor Society Outstanding Executive Board Member Award; the Wapner, Newman Wigrizer, and Brecher Award for academic excellence; and the Hon. Joseph W. DeFuria Scholarship. She is serving a one-year appointment as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Mark Buckworth, Family Court of Delaware.

Laura Graybeal Kelly '99 is human resources benefits specialist for Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, in Philadelphia.

On April 17, 2004, **Todd Naaman Martin '99** married Christine Michelle Stone in Bon Air Christian Church, Richmond, Va.

On May 15, 2004, **Christinia A. Mellick '99** married Keith Wagner in Hanover, Va.

FULBRIGHT BIOCHEMIST

BY BILL RICE '06

If you were to ask **Mary Olanich '05** how she was able to achieve so much in her life, she would tell you that it is generally luck. But don't let that fool you. The recent recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship to France, Olanich is described as a perfectionist who has earned her way in life through hard work and persistence.

"She is her own toughest critic," noted **Dr. Walter Patton**, LVC assistant professor of chemistry. He worked with Olanich for two-and-a-half years performing biochemistry research. "If she misses points on an exam, she needs to figure out what mistake she made. Not unusual, right? Unless you consider that she does this even when her exam grade is 95 or 97. Regardless of whether she winds up at the research bench or at the patient bedside, she is someone you will want to spend your federal research dollars on or have as your doctor."

Mary Olanich '05

On Friday, April 8, Olanich was rewarded for her hard work when she received a letter from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She will perform one year of post-baccalaureate research in France, investigating the molecular machinery that underlies exocytic events [Exocytosis is a process that allows for the release of hormones and neurotransmitters from endocrine cells and neurons.]. Another LVC student, **Jordan Newell '05**, a biology major from Carlisle, was a finalist in the Fulbright competition, advancing as far as the European stage. Olanich is the 14th LVC student to win the award.

"It feels fantastic to be awarded this fellowship," Olanich, a native of Bloomsburg, said. "I kind of view it as the reward for countless hours of work, and an amazing reward it is! I feel incredibly lucky."

While in France, she will be working with Dr. Nicolas Vitale of the Institute of Neurotransmission and Neuroendocrine Secretion in Strasbourg.

Olanich met Vitale in 2004 when she and Patton attended the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Boston. Patton and Vitale were post-doctoral fellows in the Pulmonary-Critical Care Medicine Branch of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Olanich developed research plans with Vitale that eventually developed into her Fulbright application. Olanich's work in France will focus on the nervous system. Her work has relevance to neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease.

Olanich plans to begin her research with Vitale in June. She wants to enter graduate school when she returns in the summer of 2006; she is leaning toward a doctorate in biochemistry in the area of cell signaling.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's premier international educational program, and is administered by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between citizens of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

Bill Rice of Philadelphia is majoring in both historical communications and political science. He is a features writer for *La Vie Collegienne*, coordinator at the writing center, and a member of Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA), the College Democrats, and the History and Political Science Club.

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ACADEMIC IVY

BY DR. SUSAN VERHOEK

It could be said that ivy is the mascot for all colleges. There are "Ivy League" schools in the East and the "Little Ivy League" of selective liberal arts colleges in the Midwest, and ivy does grow there. The ivy growing here at the Lebanon Valley College Arboretum spreads along several groundcover areas on the main campus; it is under the cedars of Lebanon at the Sheridan gateway, at the ramp of Blair, west of Carnegie, and east of Lynch. And there is much more dark green vine climbing up trees in the woods at Kreiderheim.

LVC does not, however, have "halls of ivy." Now, before someone alerts the academic accreditation bodies, it is well to know that the intellectual content inside the buildings has nothing to do with the lushness of ivy growth on the walls. Rather, ivy climbing on academic buildings is often discouraged because, in order to grow upwards, ivy stems must extend anchoring structures onto the walls. Clinging ivy is thought to be dangerous to the bricks and especially the mortar of buildings because ivy can pull small bits of mortar away when it falls or is removed. On the other hand, for some people the choice is to tolerate that problem in exchange for the plants' beauty, winter greenness, and the ivy mascot's collegiate image.

English Ivy (Hedera helix)

There are actually two types of ivy on college campuses. One is Boston ivy, *Parthenocissus tricuspidata*, which is the kind of ivy that covers parts of Cornell University, in the Ivy League. The leaves look like shiny grape leaves and the stems use special small adhesive disks to cling to the brick. Lebanon Valley College's ivy is the other kind, English ivy (*Hedera helix*). It has the three-to-five pointed leaf shape that we associate generally with "ivy;" it is the same shape that is portrayed on greeting cards and china patterns.

English ivy is an evergreen woody plant that can climb up to 50 feet in the juvenile stage. Since the ivy does not twine, its climbing stems depend upon tufts of rootlets that adhere to walls or tree bark. Because it can also root along the ground, English ivy has become an invasive pest in the woods. This ivy grows best where the soil is rich and moist, and where there is enough afternoon shade to keep the plants from drying out. The ramp at Blair is an ideal place for ivy to flourish. There, the ivy has been given a sort of trellis, rather than being allowed to grow directly on the walls.

English ivy also has an adult stage. When the ivy is mature, the leaves are heart-shaped and the plants produce clusters of black berries. At Kreiderheim, mature ivy on the trees produces special horizontal branches from the climbing ones. Old enough, the ivy can also form free-standing shrubs. To have an ivy mascot of such age indicates a venerable academic institution. Go ivy!

Dr. Susan Verhoek is a professor of biology at Lebanon Valley College.

Melissa Adam Crotty '98, Brian Crotty '00, and **Brooke Anderson Jones '98** attended the ceremony.

April J. Mitchell '99 is a recruiter for the Schuylkill Institute of Business Technology in Ringtown.

Johnathon A. Pentecost '99 is an information technology systems technician for Arab World Ministries in Upper Darby.

Lisa J. Perkins '99 received a master's degree in teaching and curriculum from Penn State University.

Ryan S. Redner '99 has been promoted to the board of Redner's Markets Incorporated. Ryan also serves as director of direct-store deliveries and assistant to the president.

Keith D. Richardson '99 is director of bands for Central Dauphin School District in Harrisburg.

Wendy D. Umbarger '99 is a program supervisor for Pressley Ridge in Tazewell, Va.

Glenn P. Vaughan '99 is a math teacher for Sullivan County School District in Dushore.

Rev. Michelle J. Zearing '99 is the pastor of Shade Valley Parish United Methodist Church in Shade Gap.

'00s

Bradley M. Barger '00 is a broker consultant for Emerson, Reid & Co., Harrisburg.

Jessica Schneider Bender '00 and her husband, Stephen, announced the birth of their son, Kyle Benjamin Bender, on November 28, 2004. Jessica is currently teaching at Sandy Plains Elementary School in Baltimore County, Md.

Terry L. Buda '00 is marketing officer for the Mount Joy–based Union National Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, Union National Community Bank.

On June 26, 2004, **Lisa A. Crnkovich '00** married Matthew C. Minney at Sacred Heart Church in Lancaster.

Dennis Dalessandro '00 is senior logistics manager for Velocity Express in Enola.

Laura A. DeGraff '00 is project manager for UnREAL Marketing in Narberth.

Heather Erb '00 is a program officer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Chicago, Ill.

Joseph Horst '00 is director of accounting amenities for WCI Communities, Inc., in Naples, Fla.

Allan W. Mund

Former Acting President of LVC and College Center Namesake Dies at 99

Allan W. Mund of Towson, Md., whose deep commitment to Lebanon Valley College was reflected in his 23 years of service on the Board of Trustees, in his role as acting president of the College from 1967 to 1968, and in his generosity as a benefactor and friend, died on March 6. Although he passed away at 99, he enjoyed relatively good health until the last two weeks of his life. Mund, the namesake for LVC's Allan W. Mund College Center, also established one of the College's most prestigious scholarships, named in honor of his eldest son, Allan W. Mund Jr., a Maryland high school teacher and coach, who died in 1987 at the age of 50.

Mund was a leader in business and industry, higher education, and church and civic affairs. He began his service with the LVC Board of Trustees in 1958 and led the board as president from 1962 to 1971. He received several awards from the College, an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1966 and an Alumni Association Citation in 1986. The Class of 1969 dedicated their yearbook to him, writing, "He has given freely of his time and abilities for the well-being of the school, and yet he does not consider this a sacrifice, but a privilege." Mund's wife, Irma (Kaufman) Mund, was also cited for being "a gracious first lady of the College." She died in 1996. The couple is survived by two sons, Richard G. and Brian R., the latter a former LVC trustee who continues to serve on the Investment Committee.

Mund was the retired board chairman of the Ellicott Machine Corporation, an internationally known dredge designing and manufacturing firm. A native of Baltimore, Md., he began working for the company's engineering department in 1923, immediately after completing four years of engineering studies at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, which later honored him with an alumni citation. As his responsibilities with the company expanded, Mund studied engineering, production, labor relations, financing, and business management in night courses at Johns Hopkins University. His growing expertise enabled him to assume greater responsibility at Ellicott, including as general manager and as president.

He became chairman of the board in 1965 and retired two years later after 43 years of service.

Mund also served for two decades on the board of trustees of Western Maryland College, now called McDaniel College. Two years after serving as interim president of LVC, Mund repeated the role at Western Maryland, and earned an honorary doctorate from that college as well. He also served on the boards of numerous other church and business groups, including the Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md., where a building was named in his honor. A long-time member of the Fulton-Siemers Memorial United Methodist Church, Mund served in almost every official capacity there and also served as a trustee of the United Methodist Foundation in Nashville, Tenn.

He and his wife enjoyed traveling, and made numerous trips to Europe and the Far East, circling the globe twice. Surviving in addition to two of his sons are eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by seven siblings.

Triple Threat

By Ed Novak

One of the things that **Laura Brown '05** wants to correct is the perception that there is no diversity or opportunity for intercultural experience in central Pennsylvania. The senior from Upper Darby has co-chaired Lebanon Valley's annual International Day for the past two years and is a leader with Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA).

Brown decided to major in both German and Spanish because two language majors would give her the opportunity to study abroad twice. She also decided to add a third major, political science. "Most people are surprised when they hear I have three majors and plan to graduate in four years," she says. She notes, however, that study abroad helped complete her language requirements *(no wasted time)* and that she planned ahead for the two semesters abroad so that she could handle the workload (*It is easier than it seems.*).

In the fall of 2002 she and three other Lebanon Valley students traveled to Cologne, Germany, as part of a cooperative program with Allegheny College and Gettysburg College. "I was 19 years old and nervous about going," she recalls. "I became independent, gained a lot of confidence, and improved my German. Being in a foreign country forces you to see how much you really know, which is more than you think you know."

Laura Brown '05 (far right) studied abroad in both Spain and Germany while at LVC.

A year later, she and six other LVC students traveled to the Colegio de España, a foreign language institute in Salamanca, Spain. Her study in Germany had included some classes taught in English, but this experience was a total immersion in Spanish. "After my trip to Germany, I felt as if I was a pro in everything except for language. I ended up falling in love with Spanish."

She describes her work on campus with International Day as "intense." Each year more than 600 people visit LVC for this admission-sponsored day of celebration, learning, and activity. "For six hours, I have to look after the needs of prospective students, the admission staff, the academic departments, LVC students, and the volunteers."

After graduation, her plan is to take some time off from study and work in the international arena before going to graduate school at Middlebury College. She wants to become a college professor teaching foreign languages. "I think that I am more marketable as a trilingual person with experience abroad," she says. "I am more confident about reaching goals that I once thought were not possible."

Michael B. Howard '00 graduated from the University of Maryland with a doctoral degree in molecular microbiology. Michael is an associate with the Environ Health Sciences Institute in Arlington, Va.

Michael T. Morehead '00 is a probation and parole officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Michael Robinson '00 is band director for Central Bucks South High School in Warrington.

Pamela Arminavage '01 is a resident advisor for Community Services Group in Cleona.

Melissa A. Black '01 married **Eric M. Gervase '01** on Aug. 21, 2004, in LVC's Miller Chapel. **Jana Romlein '01, Rachelle Antonacci '01, Michael Thomas '01, George Zimmerman '01,** and **Leanne Hennion '02** participated in the ceremony.

Dorene Heckman Byler '01 is band director for the Kutztown Area School District.

Nathan D. Byler '01 is a third-grade teacher for Reidenbaugh Elementary School in the Manheim Township School District.

Melinda Sue Etschman '01 married Michael A. Down on Aug. 21, 2004, in Sicklerville, N.J. **Sonya Carey '02, Kris Haines '00, Amy Lyons '01, Angi Tanczos '02,** and **Anmarie Vollberg '00** participated in the ceremony. Melinda is an actuarial analyst for Arbella Insurance in Quincy, Md.

Derek Fisher '01 is pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Lisa Godlewski '01 married Jeremy Lancelloti on Sept. 19, 2003. Lisa is a healthcare representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey.

Angela M. Harter '01 is a second-grade teacher for Saint Theresa's School in New Cumberland.

Steven R. Horst '01 is an attorney for Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling in Philadelphia.

Kimberly Huch '01 is a special education teacher for the Peabody Public Schools in Essex, Mass.

Tina Sutherly Mongkon '01 is a first-grade teacher in the Lebanon School District.

Kate A. Sekula '01 and **Bradley S. Moser '01** were married on Nov. 6, 2004, in Barto. **Trent Hollinger '01, Brock Kerchner '01, Mike Brimmer '01,** and **Dorene Byler '01** participated in the ceremony.

In May 2004, **Desiree M. Nemec '01** graduated from the Penn State University

Dickinson School of Law. Desiree moved to Charleston, S.C., and will take the bar exam there.

The Rev. Christopher M. Rankin '01 graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree. Chris is pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ in Fredericksbutg.

On Aug. 12, 2004, **Tiffany Kunkle Robinson '01,** an income maintenance caseworker for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and her husband, Nolan, welcomed a son, Parker Louis, into their family.

Dana Romenesko '01 is an agent for Aspen Square Management in Andover, Conn.

Jason Schreffler '01 is a special education teacher in the Lancaster/Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

Eric S. Shrader '01 is a special education teacher for Central Dauphin East High School in Harrisburg.

Michelle Walmsley '01 is senior assistant director of the Clark Fund at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Lauren D. Baptista '02 and **Michael J. Smith '02** were married on Sept. 18, 2004, in Delran, N.J. **Faye Baptista '02, Michael Pedrick '02, Allison Roney '03, Karen Hendricks '02, Amy Shoemaker '02, Ellen Shughart '02,** and **Danielle McMaster '02** attended.

Raissa Kalishevich Barnett '02 is a seventh-grade teacher for the Reading Area School District.

Heather Batz '02 is processing manager for Homesafe Security Systems Inc. in Hunt Valley, Md.

Christine E. Bennethum '02 is a research associate for Environmental Defense in New York, N.Y.

Rebecca Brown Breault '02 is a paralegal for Conestoga Title Insurance Company in Lancaster.

Jennifer L. Davis '02 is working for the Princeton Child Development Institute in New Jersey.

Mark Eby '02 is marketing coordinator for the Growth Partnership in Hummelstown.

Erica Gosart Moser '02 is a middle school teacher for Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School in Harleysville.

Nathan J. Greenawalt '98, M'02 is a UniServ representative for the Pennsylvania State Education Association in New Castle.

At the Intersection of Science, Music, ...and Magic!

By Ed Novak

When he was growing up in New Jersey, **Dr. George Plitnik's '63** world was so circumscribed that, upon his arrival in Annville to attend college, "I thought I had arrived at the end of the world." Years later, Plitnik is a long-time professor in the department of physics and engineering at Frostburg State University in Maryland, and his studies and teaching have taken him around the world to places like Germany, Japan, France, Israel, Italy, and Ecuador.

His area of specialty is acoustics, but he has been featured in reporting around the world and on *CBS News* for the course he teaches that explains the magic of Harry Potter in scientific terms. "I believe it is the only college course like it in the country," he says. Remembering the dramatic teaching style of legendary LVC math professor **Barney Bissinger**, Plitnik often dresses for class to imitate the subject: Galileo, Aristotle...or in full wizard robes as Harry Potter.

He became interested in Harry Potter five years ago when his mother gave him one of the novels as a present. He read more of the novels, became a fan, and ran across a book, titled *Science of Harry Potter,* by Roger Highfield. Plitnik developed an honors course for 15 students based on the book; its popularity encouraged him to develop the course he currently teaches to 90 students. "It is a very tough course," he says. "About 17 students flunked it last year."

He has also been recognized for his long-time achievements in teaching. In 2000, he and a colleague received a Templeton Foundation Award for Innovative Courses in Science and Religion for developing a course on modern physics and Asian metaphysics. In 2002, he received the prestigious Regents Faculty Award for Excellence in Research Scholarship, presented by the University of Maryland system. It was the first time a professor at Frostburg had received the award. "It was a real honor for Frostburg," he says, "becaus we are not a large research university."

He is looking forward to taking his last sabbatical leave in Sweden, then retiring to pursue his other love: playing and restoring pipe organs.

class news & notes

J. Christopher Havran '02 received his master's degree in biology from the University of Louisiana in Monroe. He is pursuing a doctorate at Ohio University in Athens.

Stephanie Lezotte '02, grant manager for INCLEN in Philadelphia, married **Kris Koelsch '02** on July 3, 2004.

Melissa Schneider Light '02 and her husband, **David A. Light '00,** welcomed a son, Jacob Andrew, into their family on Aug. 3, 2004.

Stephanie Hartman MacBain '02 is a first-grade teacher for Evergreen Elementary School in the Perkiomen Valley School District.

Amanda Neely '02 is an 11th-grade teacher for the West Perry School District in Elliottsburg.

Hung Nguyen '02 is a senior financial advisor for Tyco Electronics in Carlisle.

Jeffrey M. Intoccia '02 was promoted to head custodian at Brecknock Elementary School in Denver.

Tina Peffley '02 is a customer service representative for Lebanon Valley Farmer's Bank in Lebanon.

Sean B. Reilly '02 is a kitchen manager for Cafe Athena in San Diego, Calif.

Otis Richardson '02 is a scuba diving instructor for South Seas Aquatics in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On Sept. 11, 2004, **Jennifer Smolenski '02** and **Darryl J. Slicks '02** were married on Long Beach Island, N. J.

Jennifer L. Stover '02 is a quality control analyst for Pfizer in Lititz.

Kristen Wardrop '02 is pursuing a master's degree in business at the University of Charlotte in North Carolina.

On Oct. 30, 2004, **Jennifer C. Wetzel '02** married Brent Neidig at St. Thomas United Church of Christ in Linglestown. Jennifer is assistant managing editor at Idea Group Inc. in Hershey.

On May 22, 2004, **Jamie Lynn Wike '02** and **Kevin D. Ream Jr. '02** were married in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Gregory Bair '03 received a master's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in political philosophy from St. John's College in Annapolis, Md.

Darran D. Brandt '03 is a junior accountant at Ellis Lee Hostetler and Company, P.C., in Lebanon.

Jason M. Dugan '03 is staffing services supervisor for Manpower in Williamsport.

Sarah Durako '03, a technical/proposal editor for International Logistics Systems, Inc., York, married David A. Onufer on Oct. 30, 2004.

Lori A. Evaristo '03 married Jason B. Widney on Aug. 6, 2004, in Seaford, Del. The bridal party included **Sara Mintonye '02, Rachel Shafer '03, Charlton Albright '02, Brian Walker '02, Colby Hilker '03, and Joseph Eveler '03.** Lori is a music teacher for Mars Estates Elementary School, Essex, Md.

Joseph Eveler '03 and **Molly Spangenberg '03** were married on Nov. 26, 2004.

Jenni L. Fulmer '03 married **Tyrel William Yealy '03** on Feb. 7, 2004, at LVC's Miller Chapel. Jenni is a claims representative at Armstrong World Industries, Inc., Lancaster. Tyrel is an accountant at Boles, Grove, Metzger in Harrisburg.

On July 24, 2004, **Dustee-lea Graeff '03** married William Doering in LVC's Miller Chapel.

On June 20, 2004, **Amanda B. Heberling '03** married Damon H. Wenrich at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Schaefferstown. Amanda is a learning support teacher for Ebenezer Elementary School in Lebanon.

Diana Hu '03 is a senior commodity engineer for Metrologic Instruments Inc. in Bellmawr, N.J.

Rebecca L. Jacquette '03 is a French teacher for South Western High School in Hanover.

On June 12, 2004, **Amanda Kelly '03** married Bryan Keith Smith at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Lebanon. Amanda is a learning support teacher in the Palmyra School District.

Eric Joseph Laychock '03 is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Somerset, N.J.

April Long '03 is a residential counselor for Philhaven Hospital in Ephrata.

Moriah L. Miller '03 received a master's degree in library science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Thomas R. Newton '03 is a manager trainee for 84 Lumber in Lancaster.

Kristi N. Riley '03 is a manager in training for Wells Fargo in York.

Richard D. Sargo '03 and his wife, Claire, welcomed a daughter, Bellina Marie, into their family on June 19, 2004.

Molly E. Schnetzka '03 and **Ryan T. Currie '96** were married at Stewartstown United Methodist Church. Molly is an alternative education teacher for Manito Inc., York.

Abigail R. Stoltzfus '03 and **Nathan S. Acker '02** were married on Aug. 28, 2004, in Mount Joy.

Jessica Yoder '03 is a Spanish teacher in the Nazareth School District.

Daniel M. Zelesko '03 is pursuing a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Memphis.

Jason Clay '04 is an actuarial analyst for The Hartford Company in Hartford, Conn.

Caitlin A. Gibbs '04 is an early intervention teacher for Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading.

David A. Ingalls '04 is a music teacher for Sterling Middle School in Virginia.

On August 16, 2003, **Tammi Karafa '04** married Jeffrey Bivans at St. Benedict's Church in Johnstown.

Mollie Kedney '04

Mollie Kedney '04, a biology and chemistry major while at LVC, is serving in the U.S. Army Chemical Corp in Iraq.

Amanda Kutney '04 is a graduate student at the Ohio State University.

Nicole Chabitnoy Loser '04 is a case manager at BISY Insurance Services in Harrisburg.

Dawn M. Matterness '04 is director of disaster services for the Alexandria (Va.) chapter of the American Red Cross.

Laura A. Poff '04 married **Ronald C. Lenker '03** on July 3, 2004, in York. **Julia Howell '04, Erin McGeorge '03, Jonathan Pitt '03,** and **John C. Banks IV '02** were in the wedding party.

Jason P. Spessard '04 is an associate with Langan Associates P.C., Arlington, Va.

Katie M. Staley '04 is a sixth-grade teacher for the Cornwall-Lebanon School District.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth G. "Betsy" Bollinger, friend of the College, died July 23, 2004, at the age of 95. She was the wife of **Oran Pass (O.P.) Bollinger '28**, namesake of Bollinger Plaza on campus, who died in 1983. She was an active member of the LVC Dames. Bollinger Plaza was dedicated in honor of Betsy and her husband.

John Leroy Cousler, friend and benefactor of the College, died in Lancaster on July 13, 2004, at the age of 96. He joined R.R. Donnelley and Sons as a partner and became president before retiring in 1962.

Geraldine E. Lentz, friend of the College, died in Palmyra on July 25, 2004, at the age of 92. She had worked in LVC's library. She was a Sunday school teacher for over 60 years.

Henrietta Wagner Barnhart '32 died in La Plata, Md., on Sept. 7, 2004, at the age of 94. She started the Washington County kindergarten program in public schools, was founder of Lagos Nigeria International School, started the Literacy Council for Adults of Charles County, Meals-on-Wheels of Charles County, and was named one of Charles County's "Beautiful People."

Ruth M. Agen '33 died Juno Beach, Fla., on Jan. 22, 2004, at the age of 93.

Sophia Morris '33 died in Exeter on June 29, 2004, at the age of 92. She worked as a librarian at Dallas Senior High School.

Luther A. Saylor '33 died in Delaware County on Nov. 29, 2004, at the age of 92. A veteran of World War II, he was employed as a systems engineer with RCA and UNIVAC (Unisys) until his retirement in 1976.

Charlotte Weirick McFaul '34 died in Annapolis, Md., on Nov. 19, 2004, at the age of 90. The wife of **H. Algire "Mac" McFaul '34,** she received a commendation for her work in the development of a computer program to simulate the free piston air compressor.

Catherine Wagner Conrad '35 died in Williamsport, Md., on July 29, 2004, at the age of 90. She was a retired schoolteacher from the Washington County School System and tutored English as a second language.

Louise E. Bishop '36 died in Oberlin on Aug. 27, 2004, at the age of 89. The "unofficial mayor" of Oberlin, she was a retired school-teacher from Swatara Township High School and Central Dauphin School District.

What are they doing?

Here is another interesting photo we discovered in the LVC Archives. If you can identify when and where this photograph was taken, and/or any names of the people shown, please e-mail Tom Hanrahan at hanrahan@lvc.edu. Stories about the group are also welcome and may be included in future issues of *The Valley*.

John T. Davis '36 died in Lebanon on April 15, 2004, at the age of 90. He was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in India. He worked as an engineer for IBM and Martin Marietta.

Jean Harnish '37 died in Baltimore, Md., on March 30, 2004, her 89th birthday. She is survived by a sister, **Ruth Zentmeyer '49**, of Hershey.

William T. Allen '38 died in Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, on Aug. 14, 2004, at the age of 88. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was retired from the Pennsylvania National Insurance Company where he was vice president of claims.

Lucille Hawthorne Eby '38 died in St. Augustine, Fla., on Nov. 24, 2004, at the age of 87. She was an elementary substitute teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

John William "Jack" Kreamer '38 died in Annville on Oct. 3, 2004, at the age of 89. He was an Army veteran of World War II. The father of **Keith G. Kreamer '68**, he was vice president of Kreamer Brothers Furniture Store in Annville.

Beatrice Zamoyski Gaydos '38 died in Nutley, N.J., on Aug. 13, 2004, at the age of 86. During World War II, she was the chief medical technologist at St. Michaels Medical Center in Newark, N.J. The supervisor of the Newark Blood Bank, she contributed to groundbreaking research on the Rh factor, which had hindered blood transfusions between mothers with negative blood types and children with positive types.

Dr. John H. Moyer III '39 died in Palmyra on Oct. 5, 2004, at the age of 87. He was the father of **John H. Moyer IV '73** and **Michael Moyer '75**. He was involved in the development of Diuril, one of the first effective blood-pressure medications, and in the development of the first portable dialysis machine. He served as a scientific diplomat for the U.S. State Department.

Kathryn Zwally Haverstick '40 died in Myerstown on July 21, 2004, at the age of 86. For many years she was involved with the Fresh Air Fund.

Charles Miller Belmer '40 died in Bethlehem on July 9, 2004, at the age of 87. He was an Army Air Corps veteran, serving as a radio operator and as a belly operator in a B-52 bomber during World War II. He was a prisoner of war from 1943 to 1945.

Lucille Bamberger Long '41 died on Nov. 16, 2004, at the age of 85. She was the wife of the late **Dr. Luther K. Long '38.**

Dr. Robert W. Uhrich '43 died on July 4, 2004, at the age of 81. He was a retired physician who had an office in Lebanon for many years. He was a captain in the Air Force and served during World War II. He was the father of **Jed T. Uhrich '76.**

Hans W. Uberseder '43 died in Litiz on June 13, 2004, at the age of 82. He was the husband of **Elizabeth Ann Hess Uberseder '44.** Surviving, in addition to his wife, are

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children **Marjorie Uberseder Seiner '72** and **Eric J. Uberseder '71.** He was a veteran of World War II, serving from 1943 to 1946 in the European theater of operations as an infantryman, a counterintelligence agent, and German interpreter. He also participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gooden Rhodes '45 died in Springfield on Oct. 17, 2004, at the age of 80. She was a music lover who taught piano, played the organ, and accompanied various club bands.

Viola Shettel Crites '46 died Sept. 27, 2004, at the age of 80.

William Melvin Albrecht '48 died in Endwell, N.Y., on May 16, 2004, at the age of 78. A veteran of World War II, he was awarded a Bronze Battle Star and a Purple Heart.

Marshall L. Gemberling Jr. '49 died in Lebanon on Sept. 10, 2004, at the age of 80. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was very involved with sports and was inducted into LVC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.

Edwin Wallace Beaver '50 died in Lancaster on Oct. 26, 2004, at the age of 79. He was a veteran of World War II who served in the 94th Army Infantry Division, where he earned four battle stars and a Bronze Star.

Herbert A. Rowe '50 died in Middletown on Feb. 22, 2003, at the age of 85. He was an army veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict and was retired from the Pennsylvania State Department of Revenue.

Jean Kostenbauder Stolte '50 died in Hanover on Nov. 21, 2004, at the age of 76. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed playing for church activities. She had been employed by Lutheran Social Services.

Dr. James Long Fisher '51 died in Thurmont, Md., on Dec. 4, 2003, at the age of 73. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea. He taught music and was the author of *Learning Packages for Handbells*. He was an international consultant for Schulermeriek Handbells and Carillions, Inc.

Ralph Stanton Shay '51, benefactor of the College, died in Lebanon on Dec. 2, 2004, at the age of 82. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and was in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. He was professor *emeritus* of history and assistant dean *emeritus* at LVC. *Editor's Note:* A full remembrance of Dr. Shay appears on page 49.

Charles L. Zimmerman '51 died in Hershey on Dec. 11, 2004, at the age of 77. He was a retired schoolteacher who taught math and guidance at Cedar Crest High School for more than thirty years. He was a World War II army veteran and past president and member of the Central Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Robert Chadwick Howarth '52 died in Gainesville, Ga., on Jan. 30, 2004, at the age of 74. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was retired as a biologist from the Department of Natural Resources.

Richard W. Hornberger '53 died in Shillington on Jan. 31, 2004, at the age of 72. He was a retired service technician for Cumru Township.

Dr. F. Paul Alepa '54 died in Tucson, Ariz., on June 21, 2004, at the age of 72. He retired as a professor from the University of Arizona.

Hazel Kindt Beish '55 died in Camp Hill on Nov. 17, 2004, at the age of 72. She was retired as a registered nurse from the former Polyclinic Hospital.

Dr. Gary L. Zeller '62 died in Hamburg, Germany, on May 22, 2004, at the age of 64. He was an administrator and fundraiser at The Stage School of Music, Dance and Drama in Hamburg. He worked with musicians and composers, including Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein.

Richard W. Brubaker '64 died in Olde Meadow on Nov. 12, 2004, at the age of 64. He retired from teaching ninth-grade history at Elco High School. He was the husband of **Lois E. Ensminger Brubaker '64.**

Robert D. Atkinson '69 died in Hummelstown on Oct. 9, 2004, at the age of 57. He was the husband of **Barbara J. Macaw Atkinson '67**. He was a PIAA basketball official for 25 years and was a member of the Airplane Owner's Pilots Association.

Robert B. Brandt '71 died July 3, 2004, at the age of 55. He was the husband of **Ruth Ann Peterson Brandt '70.**

Paul Mitchell Gulli' 71 died in Westampton, N.J., on Sept. 6, 2004, at the age of 55. He had been active with the Corpus Christi Catholic Youth Organization, where he coached baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer.

Shirley Neuman Boandl '81 died in Hopkinton, Mass., on July 13, 2004, at the age of 77. She was a retired nurse and supervisor at the former Allentown Hospital.

Deborah Hyduk Vasko '94 died in Akron on Aug. 31, 2004, at the age of 49. She was a registered nurse and senior risk manager at Lancaster General Hospital.

Jennifer Mellott Carpenter '95 died in Millcreek on Nov. 28, 2004, at the age of 32. She was a stay-at-home mom who enjoyed scrapbooking, cooking, and baking. Most of all, she enjoyed being a mom.

VISUAL ARTS

This past fall, the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery featured nearly 20 exquisite works including large religious scenes and small devotional paintings. *Viceregal Visions: Spanish Colonial Paintings* was presented in conjunction with the College-wide colloquium, *God in the 21st Century.* In March, *Michael Pittari: Continuous Flow 1995–2005* provided a leap into the 20th century. Pittari, a member of the art and art history faculty at the College since 2002, presented mostly abstract diptychs in acrylic and graphite on canvas, which intermingled with large-scale digital images. The 34th Annual Juried Art Exhibition in April and May continued the longest-running visual arts event at the College. The exhibition again presented works by the finest local and regional artists working in all media. Finally, in May and June the gallery presented *Intimate Portraits: 18th- and 19th-Century Miniatures*, featuring portraits from Europe and America. These tiny works, many only a few inches in size, were delicately painted on a variety of media including ivory, enamel, and vellum. For more information, visit http://www.lvc.edu/gallery/gallery.aspx.

18th- and 19th-Century Miniatures

Viceregal Visions: Spanish Colonial Paintings

A. Angel with Wheat
B. Virgin of Pomata
C. Christ as Physician
D. Virgin of the Mercedarians

Breaking Away ***(below) by Michael Pittari (right), assistant professor of art, was one of several works in his exhibit*** **Michael Pittari: Continuous Flow**

As part of the annual *Women Artists Lecture Series* at LVC, twin sisters Cynthia Bringle, one of America's preeminent potters, and Edwina Bringle, a renowned fiber artist, presented a lecture in April. The free public lecture was sponsored by **Dr. Howard** and **Shelby '98 Applegate**. He is a professor *emeritus* of history and American studies, and she is a well-known local artist.

A traveling photo exhibit, *67 Women, 67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania,* opened in February. The exhibit featured one woman from each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, along with a message about how breast cancer has touched her life. **Vicki Gingrich,** formerly LVC advisor to international students, and her longtime friend, Becky Baldwin of Annville, represented Lebanon County.

HONORED

In February, State Sen. **David J. "Chip" Brightbill** was honored for his leadership as majority leader of the Senate at the College's 26th annual Founders Day Convocation. The LVC Founders Day award recognizes individuals whose character and leadership, in the spirit of the founders of Lebanon Valley College, contribute to the enhancement of life in Central Pennsylvania. Also at the ceremony, the President's Award went to Circle K Club. The award has been given for the past 11 years to a student group for community service. LVC's chapter of Circle K, founded three years ago, has organized a book drive for Lebanon County schools, a "trick or treat" collection for the United National Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and helped with the Quittie Park cleanup in Annville.

LVC was the only small, private liberal arts college in the country to win a "Grand Award" from The Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS). The awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence. **Kevin Yeiser**, LVC's director of grounds and athletic facilities, accepted the awards plaque in November in Charlotte,

Kevin Yeiser, right, LVC director of grounds and athletic facilities, accepts the "Grand Award" from PGMS president Todd Chochran in Charlotte, N.C.

N.C. Other winners included The University of Texas at Austin and Wake Forest University. For more information, visit www.lvc.edu/news-events.

Candice Falger, adjunct science instructor and former coordinator of the Master of Science Education Program here, was honored in November as the 11th annual Lebanon County Conservation "Educator of the Year." Falger teaches courses on science education, field biology/ecology, and environmental science. Her research interests include Chesapeake Bay restoration projects as well as local wetland projects. Her students participate in water quality research for the Quittapahila Watershed with **Dr. David Lasky,** professor *emeritus* of psychology, who was instrumental in founding the Quittie Creek Nature Park and the Quittapahilla Watershed Association.

Candice Falger

Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, assistant professor of Spanish, was invited to become a member of the American Association of University Women and was profiled in *Who's Who in the World* (2005).

Walter Labonte, director of the Writing Center and instructor of English, became a charter member of the Pennsylvania Conference on English Education. Labonte will be working with a group of English educators to research why so many new teachers leave the profession within the first five years.

ZIMMERMAN RECITAL SERIES

The Zimmerman Recital Series, established in honor of the 10th anniversary of a gift of **Dr. Richard H'96** and **Nancy Zimmerman '58** that established the recital hall in the Suzanne H. Arnold Gallery, was highlighted by five musical performances. Violinist **Dr. Johannes Dietrich,** fresh from his eight-concert, five-state tour, gave the first performance. Dietrich's sabbatical project culminated with his first solo CD recording. Dietrich, associate professor of music at LVC, teaches strings and directs the orchestra. Dietrich's solo violin concert featured a composition by LVC composer **Dr. Scott Eggert,** professor of music. Next, **James Erdman**, adjunct instructor of music and assistant director of the music camp, gave his final solo concert at the College before his retirement to a standing-room-only crowd. For 20 years, he was the featured brass soloist and principal trombonist with "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band. He performed for presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford. In April, a Grammy-winning pianist from South Africa took the stage. **Petronel Malan** premiered a composition by Eggert. Reviewers have described her playing as breathtaking and brilliant. The Zimmerman Series closed in May with a concert by the LVC Chamber Choir that featured songs based on texts by poet William Blake, some Renaissance madrigals and motets, and several folk songs, including a Samoan lullaby and a Tahitian song of welcome as well as more recent works. For more information, visit http://www.lvc.edu/news-events.

LVC TEACH-IN

College students and professors invited the public to join them at a campus teach-in that focused on the fall presidential election and the war in Iraq. **Dr. John Hinshaw,** associate professor of history, was a prime organizer of the event and stressed, "We made sure that both sides of the issues were represented." Numerous LVC student organizations sponsored the daylong event. For more information, visit http://www.lvc.edu/news-events.

CONCERTO-ARIA WINNERS

Three students earned the right to perform in May with the LVC Symphony after winning the concerto-aria competition earlier

Tombonist James Erdman (top) and pianist Petronel Malan (above) were featured performers in the Zimmerman Recital Hall.

in the semester. **Michael Gamon '05**, Middletown, played *Concerto for Viola and Orchestra* by Sir William Walton; **Daniel Melius '05**, River Vale, N.J., sang "Come Paride" from *The Elixir of Love* by Donizetti; and **Matthew Schrack '06,** Rehrersburg, played *Concerto da Camera* on the saxophone by Jacques Ibert.

(left to right) Matthew Schrack '06, Daniel Melius '05 and Michael Gamon '05

STUDY ABROAD RECORD

A record number of LVC students, 85, studied abroad during the 2004–2005 academic year. Sixty students studied off-campus in the fall in England, Spain, France, Australia, Italy, and Germany. Twenty-five students studied abroad in the spring in Italy and New Zealand.

PRESENTERS

Dr. Dolores Buttry, assistant professor of French and German, presented a paper, *Wace and the Exotic Other,* at the first international conference devoted to the works of the 12th-century Norman writer Maitre Wace. The by-invitation-only September conference was on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel. Wace's birthplace.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. C.F. Joseph Tom, professor *emeritus* of economics, died Sept. 22 at his home in Cornwall Manor, Cornwall. He was 82. Tom arrived at the College in 1954 as an assistant professor and stayed for 35 years. "I like a college that is small, is liberal-arts oriented, and is close to large cities," he said in a 2001 article in *The Valley.* "It's one good, happy family." Tom leaves his wife, Grace M. Moy Tom, and two sons.

The lessons in economics Tom taught resonated for a lifetime with many of his students. "He was much more interested in your learning the concept than in simply memorizing the facts," said George King '68. "Dr. Tom's great skill was to take a very complex thing and to reduce it to something that was very clear. He would not make a statement unless he could back it up with empirical evidence. At the end of the day, what he taught you to do was to think."

Tom's positive outlook was a quality that Dr. Paul Heise, professor of *emeritus* of economics, remembered about his friend. "He was a delightful person, and he stayed vital and interested in the world. He was full of fun. He had a little smile that reflected a joyous attitude toward life."

Tom was born May 30, 1922, in Canton (now Canton), China, and grew up there as the son of a Methodist minister, the Rev. Y.S. and his wife, Elizabeth Chan Tom. When he came to the United States in 1939 to get an education, he was not at all fluent in English, but a few years later, in 1942, he earned an associate's degree at San Francisco Junior College, where he was named to Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society. In 1944, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Hastings College in Nebraska, where he was named to *Who's Who Among Students* in economics. Tom won a China Institute in America Scholarship to the University of Chicago to study economics, where he earned his master's degree in 1947. He taught at Beloit College in Wisconsin for six years, from 1948 to 1954, and was a visiting lecturer in economics at Rockford College in Illinois during that same period. In 1963, he completed his doctorate at the University of Chicago, specializing in economic theory, monetary theory, and international economics. A year later, he became chair of his department at LVC, a post he held for 10 years. In 1967, he was promoted to full professor.

Dr. C.F. Joseph Tom (right) with George King '68

His work was published in several professional journals, and he was a freelance writer for the *Lebanon Daily News* from 1974 to 1976. Tom was a member of several professional groups, including the American and Hong Kong economics associations. He received several grants and awards, including Lebanon Valley College Faculty awards in 1959, 1961, 1967, 1971, 1972, and 1977; and the Ford Foundation Faculty Grant from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960. He took a sabbatical leave in 1979 to travel around the world, including Europe, India, South East Asia, the Soviet Union, and China. He was granted *emeritus* status when he retired in 1989, and continued to travel in later years. He also enjoyed music, chess, golf, reading, and Chinese cooking.

Tom served on numerous College committees, and was elected to represent the faculty on the LVC Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1971. At Annville United Methodist Church, he was a choir member for many years and former chair of the Christian Citizenship Commission. He was a former chairperson of Annville Free Library's fund drive, a former advisor to the Lebanon Valley College Chess Club, and a member of Cornwall Manor's health, concert, and tree committees.

In addition to his wife, Tom leaves his sons, Jonathan C., husband of Catherine Tom of Hyattsville, Md.; and Stephen C., husband of Mi-Ang Tom of Memphis, Tenn. He was preceded in death by a sister, Queenie Chan.

Dr. Ralph Stanton Shay '42 of Lebanon, who served Lebanon Valley College for 34 years as a history professor, assistant dean, and registrar, died Dec. 2 in his home at Spang Crest Manor. He was 82.

Shay, who won six faculty teaching awards in the 1950s and '60s, was the first LVC professor to be named a Senior Fulbright Fellow. He used the award to study Chinese civilization in Taiwan during the summer of 1963, and to travel with his wife, Ellen H. Griffiths Shay, throughout Asia. The couple returned for a three-month tour of the Orient in 1967. She died 19 years ago.

Dr. Ralph Stanton Shay '42

Dr. Howard A. "Tony" Neidig '43, said Shay and professor *emeritus* of chemistry, was known in his college years as "a fabulous football player," and later as an "excellent professor" who was very meticulous about grading papers. "He encouraged students to do their best, but he was very strict; he had rules and regulations that he expected students to follow . . . He was a storehouse of information on anything to do with American history, and extremely knowledgeable about the Far East." Shay, a professor *emeritus* of history, served as president of the American Association of Teachers of Chinese Language and Culture, one of the first westerners to hold that office.

Shay was the author of nearly a dozen books and articles, many of them dealing with local and regional history, including *The History of the Lebanon Valley Railroad* and *Reflections on the Battle of Gettysburg.* He also edited *The Civil War Diaries of Daniel Fegan Jr.,* all publications of the Lebanon County Historical Society. In 1967, Shay, who was then chair of the department of history and political science, became the assistant dean and registrar and director of auxiliary schools. In the days before computers, Shay, who was legendary for his organizational skills and scrupulous attention to detail, oversaw a student registration system using cards lined up in boxes. But before worrying about whether all the courses were balanced with the appropriate number of students, his first priority was to make sure that every student got the courses necessary for graduation. Shay also tracked down errant faculty who failed to turn in their grades on time with a series of memos in an escalading color pattern: from yellow, to green, and finally, to an alarming red.

Gregory G. Stanson '63, vice president for enrollment and student services, was halfway through his sophomore year when his father died, and he never forgot that Shay did everything he could to get him financial aid. Although some found Shay's formality to be intimidating, Stanson recalls Shay warmly as a great storyteller and a man who was personally generous to a fault. "I loved the guy dearly," Stanson said. Dr. George R. "Rinso" Marquette '48, vice president *emeritus* for student affairs, remembers that because Shay was so meticulous about details, anything he organized ran like clockwork. Shay was a prodigious committee member on campus, serving on more than 11 committees. In 1970, he was recognized with an Alumni Citation.

An Annville native, Shay excelled as a scholar/athlete, both at Lebanon High School and at Lebanon Valley College. In high school, Shay won fifth place in the national American Legion Essay Contest, traveled to Holland in 1937 for the Boy Scout Jamboree, and received an honorable mention for All-State football. At LVC, where he was captain of the football team and president of his class, he was named to the All-State, All-East, and Little All-America football teams. After graduating fourth in his class, Shay spent three years in the European theater in World War II, where he took part in the Battle of the Bulge and earned several medals. Shay was recalled to service for the Korean War, serving eight months in Japan and Korea, where he was chief editor of the historical section of the Eighth U.S. Army in Korea. During this time, he became fascinated with Asian culture, which led to his future academic interest in the Far East.

In 1947, Shay graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in history and a year later began teaching at LVC. In 1962, he finished his Ph.D. in history at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of nearly 30 professional organizations and was listed in many professional directories. In addition to serving as president of Lebanon County Historical Society, Shay was also an officer of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. He was listed in the *Dictionary of International Biography, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in American College and University Administration, Biographical Encyclopedia of the United States Directory of American Scholars,* and *American Men of Science: The Social and Behavioral Sciences.*

Shay was a member of the Jonestown Lions Club and a former member of Bunker Hill Fire Co. He was a member of the Lebanon Moravian Church, assistant director of its trombone choir, former secretary of its boards of elders and trustees, trustee for its cemetery, and assistant Sunday school superintendent. He enjoyed gardening, photography, music, tennis, and squash. Surviving is a daughter, Patricia Ruth Polley of Kirkland, Wash.

Vernon Bishop, a long-time friend and benefactor of the College, died Nov. 27, at the age of 93. Bishop was a Lebanon philanthropist, industrialist, and entrepreneur. At the College, the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library is a tribute to his generosity, and he established the Vernon and Doris Bishop Distinguished Chair of Chemistry, currently held by Dr. Owen Moe, chair of the Chemistry Department.

President Stephen C. MacDonald wrote, "Our community mourns the passing of this accomplished, formidable man . . . We extend our condolences to Mr. Bishop's widow, Trudie Bishop, and to his daughter, Kathy Bishop (vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees), and his son, Tom Bishop."

Bishop came to Lebanon in 1947 when he founded Lebanon Chemical Corporation, now Lebanon Seaboard Corporation. He worked in his fertilizer business for more than 55 years, providing jobs to hundreds of employees over the years. In 1999, he was honored for his long and productive career when he was named "Entrepreneur of the Year for Central Pennsylvania."

In addition to being a successful businessman, Bishop was very involved as a philanthropist through the Bishop Foundation, which he founded in 1950. He gave generously throughout his life, not only to LVC, but also to Good Samaritan Hospital, the Boy Scouts, the United Way, and to many other organizations. Active in the community,

Vernon Bishop

Bishop served for many years on the boards of the Boy Scouts and the United Way, and was president of each. He was a Rotary member for more than 50 years, also serving a term as its president. Bishop was a long-time member of the North Cornwall Township Zoning Hearing Board, where he also served a term as president, and was a member of the board of directors of the Lebanon County Trust Company.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Bishop was raised in Summit, N.J., and graduated from the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He married Doris Hoyt in 1939 and then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After returning to Lebanon, the couple bought a 50-acre farm, where Bishop, an avid gardener, enjoyed taking care of his beautiful property. He also developed his farm into a residential neighborhood. The Bishops traveled extensively, including two trips around the world. They celebrated 55 years of marriage before Doris died in 1994.

Bishop married Trudie Hewitt in 1995. A native of Lebanon, she returned to the area from Colorado, where she had been in the real estate business. His daughter, Kathy, has succeeded Bishop as president of Lebanon Seaboard, and is married to Bruce Kreider. Bishop's son Tom lives in Connecticut with his wife, Gretchen, and their two sons. Also an entrepreneur, the younger Bishop has been publishing an investment newsletter for the past 24 years.

Rodney S. Miller '77 of Mt. Gretna, the staff arranger for Lebanon Valley College's "Pride of the Valley" marching band, and a prolific composer/arranger who most recently wrote *Triumphant Spirit* for the LVC Symphony Orchestra, died unexpectedly on Feb. 7 of a heart attack after playing racquetball at the Arnold Sports Center. He was 49. Miller was also the highly regarded elementary-band director for the Lebanon School District. He leaves his wife, Kim, and a son, Andrew, who is a junior at Towson University in Maryland.

In June 2003, Miller received LVC's Creative Achievement Award, but Miller's reputation extended far beyond the Lebanon School District and the College. More than 40 of his instrumental and choral works have been issued by major publishing houses such as Warner

Rodney S. Miller '77

Brothers, Shawnee, and Alfred Music. He won six American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers Standard awards in composition and wrote numerous pieces and arrangements for band, orchestra, jazz ensemble, and choir.

Dr. Johannes Dietrich, associate professor of music at LVC, commissioned Miller to write *Triumphant Spirit*, which premiered last spring at the College. "For years he has been one of the staunchest friends of the College and one of most respected music educators in the area," Dietrich said in a *Lebanon Daily News* interview. In a letter to the editor in Lancaster's *Intelligencer Journal*, Richard L. Kline, a retired music educator from Lititz, noted Miller's accomplishments and added, "He will be greatly missed by the students, faculty and patrons of music education."

The superintendent of the Lebanon School District, Marianne Bartley, said Miller was a gifted educator who will be deeply missed. Not only was Miller a talented musician, he also was widely regarded as patient and kind by his colleagues and students.

A former member of the trumpet sections of the Lancaster and Harrisburg symphony orchestras, for the last five years Miller was the staff composer, assistant director, and keyboard player of the Dave Stahl Sacred Orchestra and served as producer on several group recordings He also played in a trio, and every summer for the last 22 years, he was co-musical director/arranger for the Timbers Dinner Theater in Mt. Gretna.

Miller was formerly president of District 7 of the Pennsylvania Music Education Association, Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association, and the Lebanon Community Concert Association, and he was a frequent clinician at various festivals.

Born July 23, 1955, in Philadelphia, he was the son of Dorothy I. Gettle Miller of Lebanon and the late Rodney A. Miller. He graduated from Cedar Crest High School. Miller was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Lebanon, Mount Gretna Men's Club, Cleona Tennis Association, and the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Surviving in addition to his wife, mother, and son are four sisters: LuAnn Miller of Rochester, Minn.; Judy, wife of Jerry Schweingruber of Mt. Gretna; Wendy, wife of Bob Nelson of Arrowsic, Maine; and Kyle, wife of Ron Witman of Palmyra; and several nieces and nephews.

Alyssa Joy Neidermyer, 18, of Lititz, a home-schooled high school senior who was attending LVC part time on a scholarship, died after being injured in a Lancaster County automobile accident on Feb. 10. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of Donald L. and Linda Hershey Neidermyer. She was also attending Lancaster Bible College and was employed as a secretary at the Country Table Restaurant, Mount Joy. She leaves two sisters, a brother, and her maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather.

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Joel Kline, assistant professor of business administration and director of the Digital Communications Program, gave a presentation in October, titled *Think Like a Business, Act Like a Nonprofit: Websites for Your Agency,* for the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania's annual conference in Harrisburg. The seminar focused on web-site methods used by not-for-profits to communicate with their stakeholders.

In November, **Dr. Cheryl L. George,** associate professor of education, along with six of her students, presented a session on *Classroom Management: Tips for Whole Groups and Individual Students* at the 45th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children. Student presenters included **Kelly Bastek '05**, **Sarah Walls '05**, **Jennifer Coveleskie '06**, **Jana Rapposelli '06**, **Kristen Spitler '06**, and **Rebecca Thorne '06**.

In July, **Dr. Michael Day,** professor of physics, will present a paper, titled *Oppenheimer and Rabi—Cold War Physicists as Public Intellectuals,* at the conference on *The Atomic Bomb and American Society* in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The conference will be sponsored by the University of Tennessee and the U.S. Navy.

Drs. Marc Harris and Walter Patton of the Chemistry Department and 10 of their students attended the Seventh Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences in October at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Over 500 attendees were on hand for the 198 poster presentations by undergraduates from 41 schools in 10 states. The meeting was cosponsored by Proctor & Gamble and the National Institutes of Health. All 10 LVC students were presenters or co-presenters in poster sessions throughout the day. **Jessica L. Abbott '06** (biology) was awarded first place in her division for her work with Patton. This work was coauthored with **Melanie A. Weller '06** (biology), **Mary E. Olanich '05** (biology), and **Dr. Sidney Pollack,** professor of biology. **Jeremy Umbenhauer '06** (chemistry) and **Brandon Arndt '07** (physics) presented their work with Harris. **Johanna M. Scarino '06** (chemistry) was awarded second place in her division for her work with the late **Dr. Carl T. Wigal,** professor of chemistry. **Jordan M. Newell '05** (biology) was awarded first place in his division for his work with Patton; the work was coauthored with **Danielle T. Loughlin '06** (biochemistry).

Amanda Goulden '05 (biochemistry) presented her work with Harris and Patton. **Yun K. Kwon '05** (chemistry) was awarded second place in her division for her work with **Dr. Owen A. Moe,** professor of chemistry.

Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a number of papers and read her poetry at conferences and institutions around the world, including in Peru and France. She read her poetry at Dickinson College; discussed *Hispanic American Testimonial Writing* at Penn State University, Harrisburg; and presented at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Tezanos-Pinto was also invited to participate in an Art and Culture Festival in Cuernavaca, Mexico; she gave a talk, "Nación y Narración en la escritura femenina del Post-boom," and presented the anthology *Como Angeles en llamas.*

Walter Labonte, director of the Writing Center and instructor of English, spent a week in July at the Summer Institute for Writing Center Directors and Professionals at Clark University, Worcester, Mass. The institute brought together 40 writing center directors from the secondary and college levels to discuss common concerns and goals. The participants came from 26 states, two countries, one territory, and three islands. Labonte is a member of the International Writing Center Association, which sponsored the institute.

PUBLISHED

Dr. Philip A. Billings, professor of English, published a book, titled *When We Talk about War.* The book is a collection of literary portraits of people who have firsthand experience with combat. Billings taped interviews with 11 men and one woman who live in or near Lebanon County, and who saw action in three major 20th-century wars: eight in World War II, two in the Korean War, and two in the Vietnam War. He also interviewed a young woman via e-mail who is now serving as part of a National Guard unit in Baghdad, Iraq. Billings created each poem with a form and content designed to convey accurately each soldier's personality and combat experiences. With the soldier in Iraq, he did only minimal editing of her e-mail messages, but her personality and experience come through very powerfully. His book excited a lot of interest in the local media, and he was the subject of several articles and television interviews.

Dr. Arthur Ford, professor *emeritus* of English, has recently had a number of his works published: "Teaching and Learning in China," an essay in *Cultural Meetings, American Writers, Scholars, and Artists in China*; a one-act play, "The Far Green Field: A Meditation on Death and Baseball," in *Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine*; and an introduction to Joel Barlow's book-length poem, *The Columbiad.*

Dr. Barbara Anderman, chair of the Department of Art and Art History, had an essay accepted for publication, titled "La notion de peinture de genre à l'époque de Watteau." It appeared in the exhibition catalogue *Watteau et la fête galante*, published by the Réunion des Musées Nationaux in Paris and by the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Valenciennes for the exhibition *Watteau et la fête galante* at the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Valenciennes.

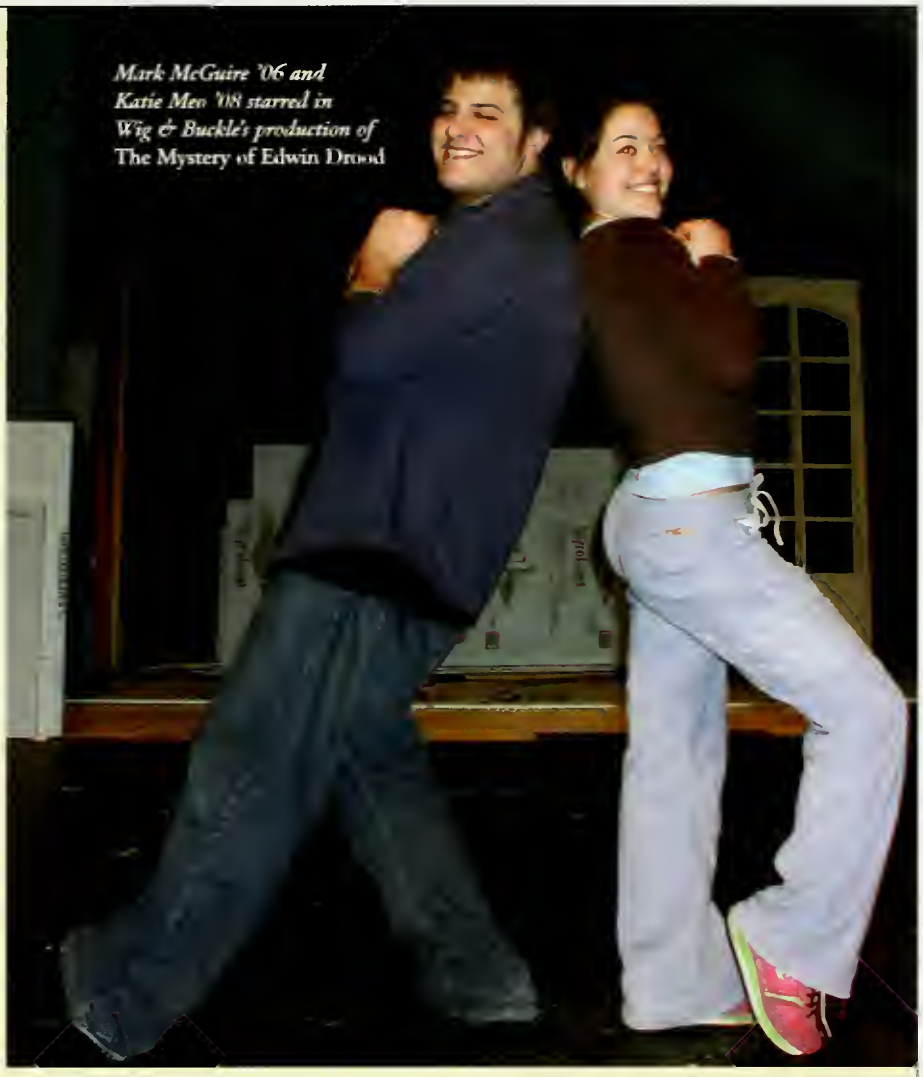
Marie Riegle, adjunct assistant professor of art, had a mixed media drawing, *Crucifixion I,* accepted into last summer's 37th annual *Art of the State* juried exhibition in Harrisburg. Riegle's biographical profile was also included in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who of American Women.*

Dr. Michael Day, professor of physics, had a 49-page research article, "I.I. Rabi: The Two Cultures and The Universal Culture of Science," published in *Physics in Perspective* in December 2004. The article represents three years of research, including significant work on the Rabi Papers at the Library of Congress.

Thomas Strohman '75, associate professor of music, and for over 30 years a member of Third Stream, just released the group's CD, *We Free Kings II*. It is a remake of the group's first recording that sold out in 1986. The new CD has all the songs from the original cassette, plus three new tunes and "Christmas City," an original Third Stream work.

The third edition of *Clinical Electrophysiology* by **Dr. Roger Nelson,** professor of physical therapy, was translated into Portuguese last year for use in Brazil.

Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, assistant professor of Spanish, has had several of her interviews with Hispanic writers and scholars published in *The Spanish Herald* (Sydney, Australia) and *Opinión Hispana* (Melbourne, Australia). She also had several of her poems published last spring by *Palavreiros* (Brazil) and in Dickinson College's literary review, *Sirena 2*. Other poets included in this issue



Mark McGuire '06 and Katie Meo '08 starred in Wig & Buckle's production of The Mystery of Edwin Drood

of *Sirena* were Prince de Asturias Prize-winner Pablo García Baena of Spain and Italian poer Maria Luisa Spaziani, a candidate for the Nobel Prize in 1990, 1992, and 1997.

In the past few months, Tezanos-Pinto also has had published "Elena Herrera: discurso del cuerpo y del espíritu" and "Rerórica postmodernista en Gracias por el fuego de Mario Benedetti. Actas XXI," which was reprinted in *Baquiana Miami*. She wrote the prologue to the anthology *Como Angeles en llamas. Algunas Voces latinoamericanas del Siglo Veinte*, and her interview with a Peruvian poet, Blequer Alarcón Silvera, was published in *Opinión Hispana* (Melbourne, Australia).

She also published an article, "La escritura testimonial femenina del Post-Boom," in *Escritura femenina y reivindicación de género en América Latina*, edited by Roland Forgues and Jean-Marie Flores (Paris: Editions Theles). Her book review, "Cuentos de Alas: fábulas de reencuentro con la armonía y la equidad," was published in *Opinión Hispana* (Melbourne, Australia).

Photographers **Dr. Ángel and Adriana Tuninetti** had 11 of their photos included in an exhibition in February, titled *Travels with a Camera,* the first of a series of exhibitions at Harrisburg Area Community College's Lebanon campus. The show in the HACC Mezzanine was sponsored by that college and the Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts. The series features the works of local residents. The Tuninettis' photos were culled from a group taken two years ago when the couple and their children were on a year's sabbatical from Ángel's post as a professor of Spanish at LVC. The family lived in Spain and New Zealand, where LVC has a study-abroad program, and visited relatives in the couple's native Argentina.

Dr. Susan Atkinson, professor of education, had her students take part in a unique literary experience during the fall 2004 semester. In the geography class, the students were required to create a nonfiction children's book based on the five geographic themes developed by the National Geographic Society. The children's literature class developed children's fiction by utilizing the five elements of effective narrative/storybook writing. The student-generated books were published by Nationwide Learning Inc. in Topeka, Kan., which conducts an author's contest each year to select the best children's book that the company has published in its product catalogs. Six Lebanon Valley College elementary education students were selected as finalists in the national challenge: **Alisha Arnold '06**, **Lindsay Crum '08**, **Megan Gross '07**, **Ashley Johnson '07**, **Sarah Lennard '07**, and **Lauren Scott '07.**

ARTS

To raise awareness and funds for local antiviolence groups, Lebanon Valley College presented a benefit performance of Eve Ensler's witty and irreverent play, *The Vagina Monologues.* Based on interviews with over 200 women about their experiences of sexuality, *The Vagina Monologues,* at times poignant and wrenching, has inspired a grassroots movement—V-Day—to stop violence against women. In spite of a snowstorm, the performance attracted an audience of over 300. *The Vagina Monologues* was directed and produced by **Kate Ruhl '05**, a religion and political science major from Quentin; **Amy Ricedorf**, a resident director; and **Gene Kelly '01**, assistant director of student activities and student development.

Audiences were challenged to solve *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* when the Wig & Buckle Society presented Rupert Holmes' award-winning play-within-a-play in February. Based on the unfinished Charles Dickens' book of the same name, the whodunit involves a madcap Victorian thearer troupe mounting a flamboyant musical production of the mystery. It was directed by **James Glasbrenner '06**, assisted by stage manager **Meghan Kurta '06**. The cast included: **Zachary Elwood Brandt '08**, as the chairman; **Charlie Hopta '08**, as the stage manager; **Mark McGuire '05**, as John Jasper; **Katie Meo '08**, as Edwin Drood; **Sarah Pugh '08**, as Rosa Bud; **Katie McCarty '07**, as Helena Landless; **Robb Stech '05**, as Neville Landless; **Todd Snovel '05**, as the Rev. Crisparkle; **Jess Moyer '05**, as Princess Puffer; **Billy Silar '05**, as Durdles; **Myles Kitchen '06**, as the deputy; and **Scott Payonk '05**, as Bazzard. The chorus included **Brent Fisher '07**, **Dan Royer '07**, **Brandon Yenser '05**, **Jessi Bagley '06**, **Jess Barber '07**, **Kate Bright '05**, **Carrie Krug '05**, **Amy Lazarski '05**, and **Mary Beth Penjuke '06**.

Gay Pioneers, a documentary set nearly 40 years ago when the first annual homosexual civil rights demonstrations took hold, was previewed at LVC in November. Co-executive producer **Malcolm Lazin '65,** a member of the LVC Board of Trustees, was on hand to give a talk about the film. The film focuses on the years 1965–69, a time of pervasive homophobia, when few homosexuals would publicly identify themselves as gay. It traces the beginning of the gay civil rights movement that culminated in the New York Pride Parade. *Gay Pioneers* was directed by PBS award-winning documentary filmmaker Glenn Holsten.

Dr. Anthony Leach '73, who has performed throughout the eastern United States with *Essence of Joy*, the Penn State University choir, brought the group to his alma mater, Lebanon Valley College, for a performance in February. The concert was part of the College's yearlong colloquium on *God in the 21st Century.* The choir's nearly 50 members sing sacred and secular music from the African-American traditions. Leach, an associate professor of music and music education at Penn State University (PSU), has degrees in music and music education from LVC and PSU.

Dr. Anthony Leach '73

A gold-medal pianist instructed a master class here in February. Naoko Takao offered her expertise to LVC students **Tristan Bostock '08**, who performed Rachmaninov's C# Minor Prelude, op. 3, #2; **Elizabeth Davis '06**, who performed Mozart's Piano Concerto in B Flat Major; and **Gregory Strohman '07**, who played the last movement of Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No. 6. **Darnell Epps '08** also played. Takao, a native of Japan, is a recitalist, orchestral soloist, and chamber musician in this country as well as in France, Taiwan, and Japan.

LVC STUDENTS THANKED

LVC's Servants of Christ has been annually sending its members to volunteer with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and 34 more volunteered this May. Kyth Banks, facility manager for APS, recently sent this appreciative note to **The Rev. Darrell Woomer**, College chaplain, and **Paula Gahres**, secretary of the chaplain's office.

Dear Ms. Paula,

I am so happy that your volunteers are coming back to help at the Guyan Valley Center. The college should be very proud of these students. They are just wonderful. They also help with a very valuable service to the people of Appalachia. By helping us prepare our center, they make the summer go by so smoothly.

I am impressed with their thoughtfulness, manners and the way they show themselves to be young adults. They really represent the college well. I know that you are as proud of them as we are proud to have such a caring group of young people. I know that God will bless them. I look forward to seeing them in May. Please tell them thank you and thank you and the college for letting them come. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at anytime. Once again thank you and God bless.

Kyth

MARATHON JOURNEY

Alan Paynter, LVC admission counselor, ran in the June 5, 2005, San Diego Marathon as part of the American Stroke Association's program, "Train to End Stroke." Paynter's mother suffered her first stroke in 2001 and he is "running the marathon in her honor and on behalf of other stroke victims. "It is a small way that I can make a tangible difference for her and for someone that you may know who has suffered the same fate," explained Paynter. If you want to find out how he fared, visit http://www.rnrmarathon.com/.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

The following LVC employees celebrated milestone anniversaries this year: Dr. Phillip Billings (professor of English, 35 years); Juliana Wolfe (director of the Shroyer Health Center, head College nurse, 30 years); William J. Brown '79 (dean of admission and financial aid, 25 years); Robert Dillane '77 (director of information management services, 20 years); George Heckard (public safety officer, 20 years); and Gwendolyn Pierce (assistant for administration and finance, 20 years).

The Rev. Darrell Woomer

Alan Paynter

STUDENT VOLUNTEERING

In fall 2005, LVC students volunteered for almost 4,000 (3,936) service hours in the community. LVEP (625 hours) led the way followed by Alpha Phi Omega (561), Gamma Sigma Sigma (349), and Tau Kappa Epsilon (324). Members of 33 different religious groups, fraternities or sororities, athletic teams, and other clubs committed free time during this period.

Finding his voice . . .

Craig Layne, a senior German and English communications major, secured a dream internship this past summer, working in the news department of the local public radio station, WITF-FM. During that time, he wrote news stories, covered breaking news, and produced a feature piece about green-space development in blighted areas of Harrisburg. Craig's voice was heard when an executive with the Keep PA Beautiful program tuned in to his story and, as a result, pledged additional funds for the project.

"My professors at LVC not only taught me the basics of journalism, but how to make a difference through my work. And, I'm proud that my involvement with the project has made an impact on the greater Harrisburg community."

After graduation, Craig will continue to find his voice at the prestigious Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California—where he was awarded a full-tuition merit scholarship.

Your Valley Fund gift provides students like Craig the opportunity to make a difference in their community, and in themselves. Help others find their voice. Make your gift today.

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